

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM. WITH STOREY HOME AND FARM HOUSE

THE
ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,
LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION

FOR

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind:
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;
Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

'Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?
Their need o'erlooked? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!'

OFFICES:

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER;
EXCHANGE CHAMBERS, BANK STREET, MANCHESTER.

Principal and Secretary:—MR. JAMES DIGGENS.

SEPTEMBER, 1903.



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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM AT LANCASTER the sum of _____ free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER, or other proper officer, for the time being, of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] _____ free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

** Until lately a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now, by a recent Act of Parliament, he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

LEGACIES.

	£	s.	d.
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Thomas Lockwood, Esq., Harrogate	2,000	0	0
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Charles Barraclough, Esq., Rochdale	1,945	13	3
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John Manchester, Esq., Preston	1,153	16	4
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William Bindloss, Esq., Kendal and Milnthorpe... ..	1,033	13	10
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	£	s.	d.
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James Taylor, Esq., Rawtenstall	1,000	0	0
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Mrs. Bindloss, Kendal and Milnthorpe	900	0	0
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Alderman Watson, Preston... ..	900	0	0
Miss Bradley, Slyne, Lancaster	720	0	0
Miss E. A. Ball, Southport... ..	620	18	7
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Miss Betsy Kay, Manchester	500	0	0
Miss Alice Lowe, Blackpool	500	0	0
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	£	s.	d.
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John Burley, Esq., Halifax... ..	450	0	0
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Thomas Dewhurst, Esq., Lancaster... ..	45	0	0
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Joshua Horner, Esq., Halifax	19	14	0
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P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of the Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1901 was 48,882. Of these, 13,898 belong to the Seven Counties, 3,390 being under Twenty years of age. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of imbecility or feeble-mindedness are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Imbecility being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Imbeciles require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Imbeciles with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Imbecile's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the Earlswood, calculated that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably improved in their habits, and become

greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard (of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester), in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 185 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 650 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the medical care of a Resident Medical Officer and an Assistant Medical Officer.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Principal and Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Votes for the amount thus raised.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees; and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 590 patients now in the Asylum, 260 belong to Lancashire, 172 to Yorkshire, 52 to Cheshire, 49 to Durham, 29 to Cumberland, 14 to Northumberland, 10 to Westmorland. Four full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Lancashire Daily Post*, *Preston Guardian*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Feeble-minded from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. The Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the Principal and Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, The Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

JOHN T. HIBBERT, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*

EDWARD LAWRENCE, Liverpool, }
WILLIAM H. FOSTER, Bradford, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

June 30th, 1903.

JAMES DIGGENS, *Principal and Secretary.*

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of the Feeble-minded, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF THE

NORTHERN COUNTIES.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864

Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King.

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 THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD MUNCASTER.

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HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.	The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
The Most Hon. the MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.	CHESTER.
The Right Hon. the EARL OF DERBY, K.G.	The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
The Right Hon. the EARL OF FEVERSHAM.	CARLISLE.
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

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SEVENTH QUINQUENNIAL FESTIVAL

AT THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, SEPT. 23rd, 1903.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING.

The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held in the De Vitré Hall of the Institution, on Wednesday, September 23rd, 1903.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN T. HIBBERT, K.C.B.

(CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE),

PRESIDING.

The Proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Bonsey (Vicar of Lancaster), the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the Principal and Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the CHAIRMAN addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and recognising with much satisfaction the continuous growth of the Royal Albert Asylum, its financial and administrative efficiency, and the success of its beneficent work of training the Feeble-minded, this Meeting cordially commends the Institution to the further generous sympathy and support of the philanthropic public of the Seven Associated Counties of the North of England.

Moved by Colonel W. H. Foster (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by N. W. Helme, Esq., M.P. ; and supported by Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson, Bart, M.P.

- 2.—That the best thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their able and zealous services in the past, and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting hereby appoints The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

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Moved by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle ; seconded by W. S. Paget-Tomlinson, Esq., M.D., Kirkby Lonsdale.

- 3.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Samuel Satterthwaite, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch, for their careful audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, the inspection of the Deeds of the Asylum Estate, and the examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account ; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints William Oliver Roper, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch, as Professional Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by G. D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool ; seconded by Herbert Radcliffe, Esq., Rochdale.

4.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of The Royal Albert Asylum be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1904; and that notice thereof be given in Newcastle, Durham, Carlisle, Westmorland, Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, and Sheffield newspapers.

Moved by Councillor Jackson (Mayor of Lancaster); seconded by Alderman Monkhouse (Mayor of Kendal).

Prior to the close of the General Annual Meeting, Medals for Long-service were presented to Members of the Institution Staff by the Countess of Bective; and Certificates were distributed by Lady Hibbert to Attendants and Nurses, for attendance at Lectures by Dr. W. H. Coupland (Assistant Medical Officer), on anatomy, physiology, nursing, &c., as applied to the Feeble-minded.

Vote of thanks to the Countess of Bective and Lady Hibbert.

Moved by W. W. B. Hulton, Esq. (Constable of Lancaster Castle and Chairman of the Bolton Local Committee); seconded by Dr. W. Wingate-Saul, Lancaster.

Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

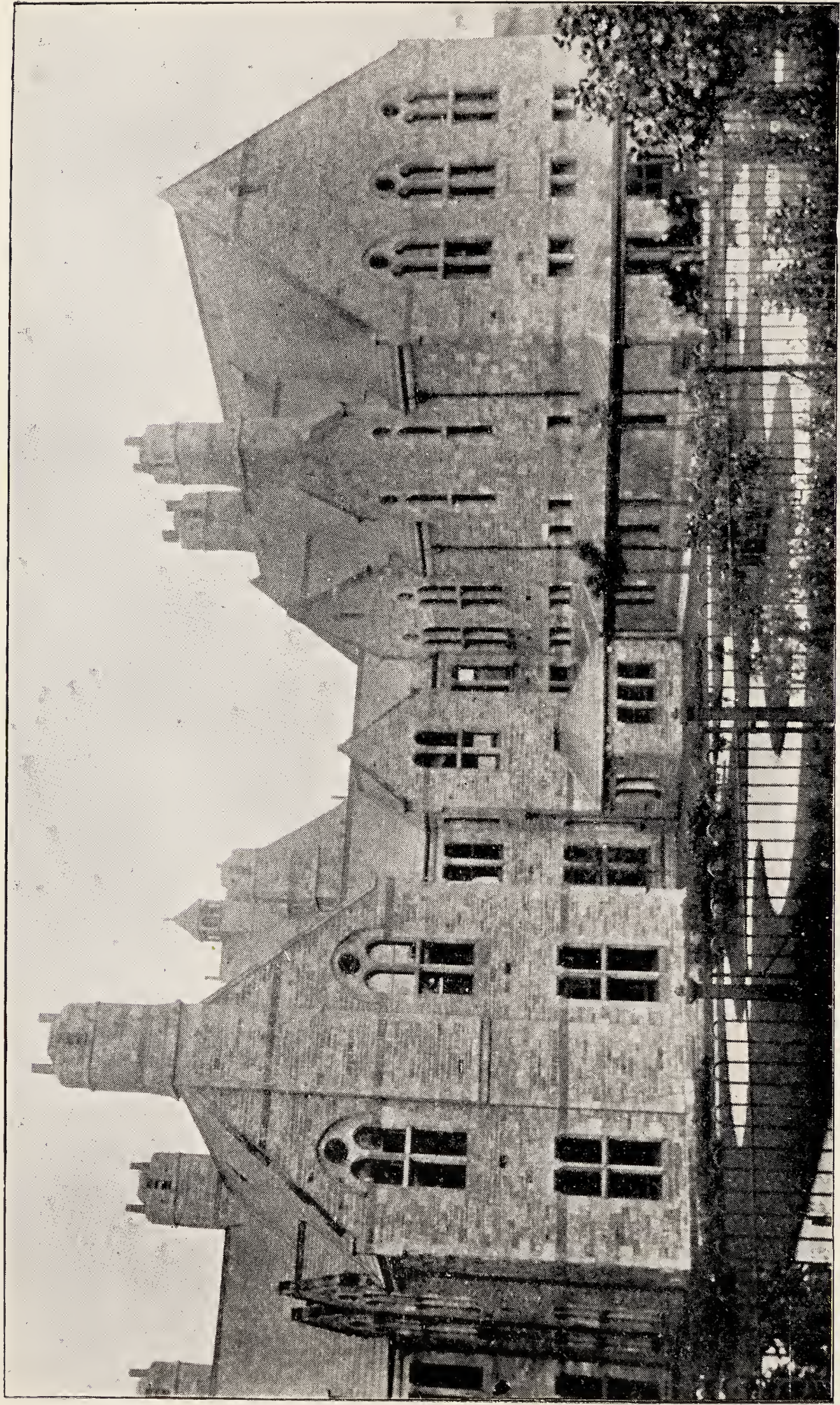
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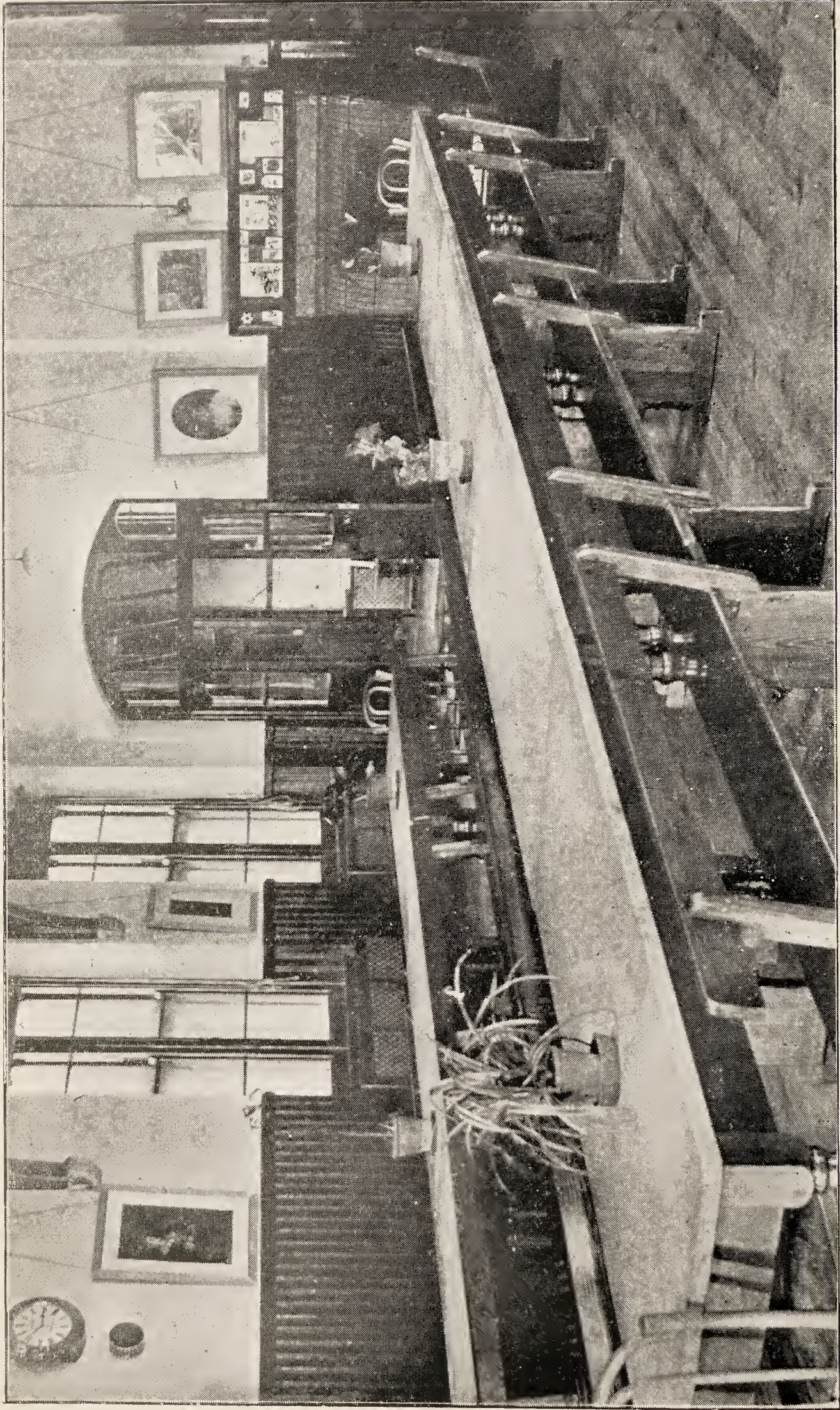
A PUBLIC LUNCHEON was then held in the Winmarleigh Hall of the Asylum, under the presidency of

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G., G.C.B.

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THE ASHTON WING.



DAY-ROOM IN THE ASHTON WING.

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Presented at the Annual General Meeting,

held at the Royal Albert Asylum,

September 23rd, 1903.



In presenting their Thirty-ninth Annual Report, the Central Committee express their great pleasure at meeting the Subscribers and friends of the Royal Albert Asylum at the Seventh Quinquennial Festival.

In briefly reviewing the history of the Institution, the Central Committee cannot but revert to that first meeting held at Lancaster on the 14th of November, 1864, to “consider the offer of Mr. James Brunton, of Morecambe, book-keeper, to give £2,000 for the establishment of an Asylum for the reception, care, and training of Idiot Children.” The gentlemen who were present at that meeting (names of imperishable memory in the annals of the Institution) were Dr. Edward Denis de Vitré, Messrs. James Brunton, James Grant, James S. Harrison, F.R.C.S., Thomas Howitt, F.R.C.S., James L. Milner, Edward G. Paley, Stephen Ross, Abram Seward, and John Sharp, who have all passed away with the exception of Mr. Seward, whose advanced years preclude him from taking part in the affairs of the Institution, though he is still a member of the Central Committee. These gentlemen, with Mr. Thomas Storey (afterwards Sir

Origin of the
Institution.

Thomas Storey) and Mr. William Roper, formed themselves into a Provisional Committee to consider the practicability of raising funds to carry out Dr. de Vitre's scheme for establishing a Northern Counties' Asylum for Idiots. This was the lowly origin of an Institution which, without exaggeration, may be said to take a foremost place among the charitable Institutions of the country. Its progress has been steady, sure, and uninterrupted from the beginning, but none of its first promoters could have imagined that within a life-time it would attain to its present position, whether as regards the magnitude and variety of its buildings, its financial resources, or its general usefulness. When an estate of 22 acres had been secured, and a building-fund of about £30,000 had been raised, contracts for the erection of an Asylum for 400 beds were entered into, and on the 17th of June, 1868, the foundation stone was laid by the late Earl of Zetland, K.T., as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The South Wing (the Brooke Wing, as it was afterwards called in honour of the donors of £30,000, the Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brooke, of Selby) was opened on the 14th of September, 1870, by the late Duke of Devonshire, K.G., and on the 1st of the following December three patients were admitted. On the completion of the building, the first Quinquennial Festival was held, on the 8th of October, 1873, under the presidency of the late Earl of Derby, K.G. There were then 162 patients; there are now 590, with vacant accommodation for 60 more. The annual subscriptions then amounted to £2,188 9s. 8d.; they are now £4,233 4s. 5d. The interest on the sustentation fund investments then amounted to £1,441 14s. 1d.; it is now £5,149 18s. 6d. For the Main Building, with the Ashton Wing, the Winmarleigh Hall, the Storey Home, the Rodgett Infirmary, and Brunton House, including furniture and fittings, together with the Farm House and Buildings, and three Lodges and 23 Cottages, the magnificent sum of nearly £153,000 has been contributed and spent. The estate consists of 185 acres, costing £27,897. It is in no boastful spirit that the Committee record this progress, which has been due to the blessing of Providence and the noble generosity of the benevolent public of the Seven Associated Northern Counties,

Progress.

The other Quinquennial Festivals have been :—

Other
Quinquennial
Festivals.

1878—President, The Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P. (now the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.); the number of patients, 373.

1883—President, The Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton (now Earl Egerton of Tatton); the number of patients, 516.

1888—President, The Right Hon. Lord Herschell; the number of patients, 552.

1893—President, The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G.; the number of patients, 605.

1898—President, The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B.; the number of patients, 582.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall, Huddersfield, when Mr. William Brooke, Chairman of the Local Committee, presided. There was a large attendance of subscribers and friends, and among the members of the Central Committee present were the Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and Col. W. H. Foster, Vice-Chairman; Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Carlisle; Mr. Robert Jowitt, Leeds; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool; Mr. Herbert Radcliffe, Rochdale; Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, Halifax; Mr. John Satterthwaite and Mr. W. G. Welch, Lancaster. The Mayor of Huddersfield, Ald. Ernest Woodhead; the Vicar of Huddersfield, the Rev. Canon Clarke (now Bishop of Melbourne); and many other influential local gentlemen, were present and took part in the meeting. There was also a large attendance of ladies connected with the Huddersfield Ladies' Association. The speeches were excellent, and characterised by much earnestness in favour of the objects of the Asylum. The Committee desire to acknowledge the kind hospitality of the Chairman of the meeting, who has always shown great interest in the Asylum and readiness to help it.

General
Annual
Meeting
at
Huddersfield.

An Election of Fifty Patients was held at the Town Hall, Kendal, on the 20th of May, when Mr. T. A. Argles, Chairman of the Westmorland Committee, presided. From Lancashire

Election of
Patients
at
Kendal.

Public
Meeting
at
Kendal.

there were 36 candidates for 22 vacancies ; from Yorkshire, 21 candidates for 15 vacancies ; from Cheshire, 3 candidates for 2 vacancies ; from Westmorland, 1 candidate for 1 vacancy ; from Cumberland, 7 candidates for 4 vacancies ; from Durham, 11 candidates for 6 vacancies ; whilst from Northumberland there was no candidate. After the election, a public meeting was held under the presidency of the Mayor, Mr. Ald. Monkhouse. There was a good attendance of influential residents, who braved the bad weather, but not many of the general public were present. The speeches were particularly able and interesting. The members of the Central Committee who attended were the Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir J. T. Hibbert, K.C.B. ; Mr. T. A. Argles, Milnthorpe ; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool ; Dr. W. S. Paget-Tomlinson, Kirkby Lonsdale ; Mr. I. H. Storey, Ambleside ; Mr. W. O. Roper, Mr. S. Satterthwaite, and Mr. W. G. Welch, Lancaster. The Mayor of Lancaster (Mr. Councillor Jackson), and the Town Clerk (Mr. T. Cann Hughes), were also present. The hospitality of the Chairman of the Westmorland Committee (Mr. T. A. Argles), and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. G. E. Moser), is gratefully acknowledged. Great interest in the Asylum has been revived in the County, where there is a flourishing Ladies' Association, under the leadership of those excellent friends of the Institution, the Countess of Bective, President, and Miss Wakefield, Honorary Secretary.

Number
and
Classification
of
Patients.

The classification of the patients in the Institution on the 30th of June, according to the counties from which they have been received, is as follows :—

Lancashire	260
Yorkshire.....	172
Cheshire	52
Durham	49
Cumberland	29
Northumberland	14
Westmorland	10
Other Counties	4

Of these 590 patients, 398 are boys and 192 girls. At the date of the last Report, there were 574, of whom 378 were boys and 196 girls. Of the present inmates, 259 are election cases; 296 reduced payment cases, of whom 198 are pauper patients sent by their respective Unions; 17 are full-payment cases; 5 are associated and private cases; 11 are life-interest cases; and 2 are presentation cases. The total average number resident during the year has been 590, and the largest number present at any one time 614.

After the discharge of the time-expired election cases, and the admission of the last-elected cases, with some outstanding payment cases, it is expected that the number of inmates will soon be about 630. Considering, however, the habits of imbeciles and the large amount of cubic space they require in their dormitories, it is most important to avoid overcrowding. It is now considered, after careful inspection, that the total accommodation afforded by the Institution and its branches (omitting, for obvious reasons, the Rodgett Infirmary, which has previously been included) is for 650 patients, besides the Staff. In making an additional staircase when the Ashton Wing was erected, and in improving the classification, the space for beds has been reduced by 36.

Accommodation for Patients.

The finances of the Institution are in a satisfactory state. The total amount received on Maintenance Account during the year (omitting Farm and Garden items) is £21,963 18s. 6d., as compared with £21,632 16s. 9d. last year. There has been an increase of £307 16s. 2d. in donations, and a decrease of £23 3s. 6d. in annual subscriptions. It is most desirable that the amount contributed in annual subscriptions should not diminish, but rather greatly increase. The difficulty, however, of making any advance in this item of income is recognised in all charities. There are in each year losses by death, removal, and other claims, to be made up. The payments for patients are less by £130 18s. 8d. This is chiefly owing to the deaths of several higher-grade cases. The aggregate sum of £791 3s. 0d. has been received in small contributions towards maintenance from the parents of election cases. The Sustentation Fund Account has again received a large amount in legacies. This year it is £10,991 10s. 2d.; last year it was £3,734 7s. 2d.,

Finances.

and in the previous year it was £11,724 2s. 5d. The gross receipts for the year from all sources (without Farm and Garden items) has been £33,602 9s. 7d.—one of the largest amounts ever received in any one year.

The balance of £10,477 5s. 0d. in the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account on June 30th, 1903, will soon be exhausted by the expenditure required for the electric-light, the sanitary alterations, the 6-inch water main for use in case of fire, the fire-escape staircases, the Brightside Patent Calorifiers for heating the baths, and the other improvements either in process or contemplation.

Legacies.

The following is a list of the Legacies received during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Thomas Rymer, Calder Abbey, Cumberland	5,000	0	0
Mrs. Charles Turner, Dingle Head, Liverpool	2,000	0	0
Mr. Charles Barraclough, Rochdale...	1,945	13	3
Miss Agnes Willan, Bentham (addi- tional, from residue of estate)	1,591	3	2
Miss Rebecca Galloway, Bayswater, London	450	0	0
Mr. Richard Shaw, Rivington, Bolton (additional).....	4	13	9

The Institution has been greatly favoured by many legacies, mostly from those friends who have cordially supported the Asylum during their lifetime, and it will be noticed in the Maintenance Account balance sheet that the interest on the Sustentation Fund investments now amounts to considerably more than the total of the annual subscriptions. The Committee trust that legacies will continue to be contributed, as they promote the financial stability of the Institution.

Investments.

During the year the following additional investments have been made on Sustentation Fund Account at a total cost of £11,136 10s. 0d.:—£2,773 14s. 4d. Consols, interest now at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; £3,438 0s. 0d. Great Western Railway

Guaranteed Stock, interest at 5 per cent. ; £2,484 os. 3d.
Midland Railway Debenture Stock, interest at 2½ per cent. ;
£1,002 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Debenture Stock,
interest at 3 per cent.

The following table gives the amounts contributed in the year by each of the Seven Associated Counties : —

Contributions
from the
Seven
Counties.

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT.		TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1525 14 4	461 18 3	4400 7 0	.....	6387 19 7
YORKSHIRE	1250 6 7	108 10 4	1591 3 2	20 0 0	2970 0 1
CHESHIRE	478 12 0	21 19 8	.....	.....	500 11 8
WESTMORLAND.....	201 1 7	8 7 6	.....	.....	209 9 1
CUMBERLAND	316 8 5	17 17 0	5000 0 0	.....	5334 5 5
DURHAM	419 15 0	4 2 9	.....	.....	423 17 9
NORTHUMBERLAND	41 6 6	.....	.....	.....	41 6 6
	4233 4 5	622 15 6	10991 10 2	20 0 0	15867 10 1

Again the Committee would earnestly call attention to the trifling amount contributed by the county of Northumber-land, the cost of maintenance of whose 14 patients in the Institution is out of all proportion to the meagreness of its contributions. It is to be hoped that the influential Northumberland Committee will soon see that the subscrip-tions from the county are largely increased.

Northumber-
land.

The Ladies' Associations still actively co-operate in raising funds for the Institution, and the Committee feel that for the persevering, self-denying exertions of these ladies they cannot be too grateful. The Durham Association has been in operation for 28 years, and the Halifax Association for 25 years. To the Misses Hays, of Durham, and Mrs. Hodgson Wright, of Halifax, the Committee are deeply indebted for most valuable assistance during all these years. Other Associations have been successfully at work for many years. The total amount raised by these auxiliaries since their commencement has been no less a sum than £57,000 ; and they have collected this year £2,666 19s. 11d. of the total sum of £4,233 4s. 5d. contributed in annual subscrip-tions.

Ladies'
Associations.

Amounts
Collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

The amounts collected by the Ladies' Associations this year are given in the following table:—

						Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MANCHESTER DISTRICT:—														
	Manchester	...	...	...	...	266	14	1	47	14	9	314	8	10
	„		(Rochdale Branch)			69	4	6	6	6	0	75	10	6
	„		(Burnley Branch)			34	5	6	0	10	0	34	15	6
	„		(Bolton Branch)	...		43	4	0	10	5	6	53	9	6
	„		(Bury Branch)			40	6	3	40	6	3
	„		(Oldham Branch)			20	9	0	20	9	0
	„		(Ashton Branch)			3	14	0	3	14	0
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						477	17	4	64	16	3	542	13	7
	CHESHIRE	401	10	6	21	19	8	423	10	2
	DURHAM	399	5	6	399	5	6
	HALIFAX	364	15	7	4	8	0	369	3	7
	CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	249	19	11	7	17	0	257	16	11
	BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	192	2	6	37	1	4	229	3	10
	WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	172	14	7	2	2	6	174	17	1
	LIVERPOOL	...	...	...	...	151	18	6	11	1	0	162	19	6
	HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	88	17	0	4	17	0	93	14	0
	LEEDS	...	...	...	...	79	14	6	1	1	6	80	16	0
	YORK...	...	...	...	...	62	0	6	0	2	6	62	3	0
	SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	21	2	0	...	...	...	21	2	0
	OTHER PLACES	...	...	...	...	5	1	6	...	...	...	5	1	6
						<hr/>			<hr/>			<hr/>		
						£2666	19	11	155	6	9	2822	6	8

Sums obtained
by
individual
Collectors.

The largest sums obtained by individual collectors this year have been: Miss Rayner, Brighouse, Halifax Association, £94 1s. 6d.; Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley, Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Bradford Association, £67 11s. 6d.; Mrs. G. D. Killey, Liverpool Association, £40 6s. 6d.; Mrs. D. J. Crossley, Halifax Association, £34 18s. 6d.; Mr. John Whitley, Halifax Association, £33 12s. od.

Changes
in the
Ladies'
Associations.

As is inevitable, many changes occur from year to year among the lady workers in these Associations, and among those which should be mentioned are the following:—*Cheshire Association*: Miss Barclay, deceased, the able Hon. Treasurer since 1891, who has been succeeded by Mrs. John MacGillycuddy, of Bache Hall, Chester; Miss Julia Chapman, Collector, Chester, removed to Buxton, and succeeded by Miss Birch, Chester; Mrs. North, Collector, New Brighton, resigned, and succeeded by Miss Ada Smith, New Brighton; Mrs. J. A. Ledward, Collector, West Kirby, resigned, and

succeeded by Mrs. Walmsley, West Kirby. *Manchester and Salford District Association*: Mrs. S. R. Platt, Hon. Treasurer, Oldham, removed and resigned, and succeeded by Mrs. Arthur E. Wrigley, Oldham; Miss Wynn, Collector, Eccles, removed and resigned, and succeeded by Miss Burgess, Eccles; Miss Blackburn, Sub-Treasurer, and Mrs. J. E. Carr, Collector, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, have both resigned, and the vacancies have not yet been supplied; Miss Heginbottom, Collector, Ashton-under-Lyne, has resigned, and is succeeded by Mrs. Reyner, Ashton-under-Lyne; Bolton Branch (new)—Miss Bridson, Bolton, has been appointed Hon. Secretary. *Westmorland Association*: Mrs. Thompson, of Stobars Hall, Kirkby Stephen, has been appointed Receiver for the Rural Deanery of Appleby, in the place of the late Mrs. Preston. *Cumberland Association*: Mr. C. W. Hodgson, of Carlisle, has been appointed Hon. Treasurer in the place of Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, jun., resigned. These changes—which are only some of what have occurred during the year—show how difficult it is to maintain the Associations in efficiency and what responsibility and trouble devolve upon their officers.

It is always a pleasure to receive visitors from Ladies' Associations, and every attention is paid to them by the Principal, Mr. Diggins, and the Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Douglas. On the 16th of September, 1902, parties of ladies (with a few gentlemen friends) from Bradford and Bolton inspected the Asylum. The Bradford party was led by Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the Bradford Ladies' Association; and the Bolton party by Mr. W. W. B. Hulton, Chairman, and Mr. Wm. Kevan, Honorary Secretary, of the Bolton Local Committee. Interesting articles descriptive of this visit appeared in the *Yorkshire Daily Observer* and in the *Bolton Journal and Guardian*. Colonel Foster, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Chairman of the Yorkshire and Bradford Committees, was present, and entertained the Bradford party to tea at Hornby Castle on their way home

Visitors
from
Ladies'
Associations.

It is still a cause of regret that so few Clergymen and Ministers, especially among those who interest themselves in promoting the admission of imbecile children into the Institu-

Appeal to
Clergymen
and
Ministers.

tion, make collections or offertories on its behalf. These candidates afford them a strong ground of appeal to their congregations, and the objects of the Institution are such as are likely to excite the warm sympathy and support of all Christian people. The following is a list of those who have rendered such service during the year :—

Rev. H. V. Elliott, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
 Rev. W. H. Healey, of Whalley, per Rev. Theodore P. Brocklehurst, Vicar of Giggleswick.
 Rev. Charles F. Husband, St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness.
 Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh, Lancashire.
 Rev. B. Nightingale, of Preston, per Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.
 Rev. Stewart White, Esh, Durham.

Noteworthy
 Gifts.

Among the noteworthy gifts the following may be specially mentioned :—

	£	s.	d.
The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Limited, Manchester (additional, making £410)	200	0	0
Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., F.R.S., Westminster Chambers, London, Honorary Engineer to the Royal Albert Asylum (additional, making £131 5s. 0d.).....	105	0	0
Mr. Wm. Farrer Ecroyd, Credenhall Court, near Hereford (additional, making £75).....	50	0	0
Mr. Jacob Moser and Mrs. Moser, Oak Villas, Bradford	25	0	0
The Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited (additional, making £399).....	21	0	0
A Donation to the Sustentation Fund from Mr. John Haggas, Springfield, Harden, Bingley (additional, making £60).....	20	0	0
A Donation from the Estate of the late Miss Senhouse, Galeholm, Gosforth	10	0	0
The Heywood Industrial Society (additional, making £99 10s. 0d.).....	5	5	0
A Contribution from the funds of Middleton Congregational Church, per Rev. W. H. Fothergill	1	1	0
A Donation for the Staff Library from Mrs. Blades, Lancaster	1	1	0
Also for the same object, a Donation "In memoriam of the late Mrs. Diggins"	0	10	6

Mr. W. K. Powell, Preston, 158 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas.

Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, a case and parcel of ornamental and useful articles, Books, Dolls, Toys, &c.

Messrs. Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 5,000 Bulbs.

Lord Ashton, Ryelands, Lancaster, Coronation Festivities for the Patients, £20 6s. 2d.

Mr. Wm. Shand, Greaves Nurseries, Lancaster, Coronation Commemoration Oak Tree.

Mrs. W. Fisher, Kettering, per Mrs. H. L. Storey, Bailrigg, Lancaster, a large American Organ for the Storey Home.

Mrs. Blades, Lancaster, a large quantity of "The Queen," "The Ladies' Pictorial," and other illustrated papers.

Mrs. W. W. Wingate-Saul, Lancaster, 3 Paroquets and Cage.

Dr. Paget-Tomlinson, Kirkby Lonsdale, 30 Rabbits.

Mr. Walter Smith, Fenny Stratford, Blackboard, Easels, Maps, 80 Inkwells, &c., for the Schools.

Mr. Robert Gray, Bromborough, 12 Jars of Honey.

GIFTS TO THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Robert Ackrill, *Herald* Printing Works, Harrogate, a Font of Mercantile Italic Type and Paper for printing.

Mr. Edgar Barker, Cleckheaton, 7 Fonts of Type and a quantity of Ornaments and Borders for printing.

Mr. Richard Brash, Lancaster, 7 Fonts of Type for printing, also a Perforating Roller.

Messrs. Eaton & Bulfield, Lancaster, 2 Fonts of Type for printing.

Messrs. Goodall & Suddick, Leeds, 1 Box of Type and 2 Bales of Paper for printing.

Messrs. E. & J. L. Milner, Lancaster, 1350 Fancy Cards for printing.

Mr. W. Parr, Knaresborough, Type, Borders, &c., for printing.

Messrs. Joseph Town & Sons, Leeds, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. of Paper for printing.

Mr. J. M. Wigley, Lancaster, 4 Fonts of Type for printing.

The following Annual Subscriptions have been continued:—

Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, £21; Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale, £10; Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society, Ltd., £5 5s; Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society, £5 5s.; Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society, £5 5s.; Brighouse Industrial Society, £5 5s.; Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society, £5 5s.; The Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society, £5 5s.; Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society, £3 3s.; Hebden Bridge Fustian Co-

operative Society, £3 3s.; Eccles Provident Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., £3 3s.; Doncaster Mutual Co-operative Industrial Society, £2 2s.; Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society, £2 2s.; Sowerby Bridge Flour Society, £2 2s.; Great Harwood Co-operative Society, £2 2s.; Halifax Flour Society, £2 2s.; Farnworth District Council, £1 1s.; Durham Co-operative Society, £1 1s.; Luddenden Industrial Society, £1 1s.; Churton Coal Club, 5s.

Additional
Contribution
from the
Co-operative
Wholesale
Society,
Ltd.

At Christmas a brief, special appeal was issued and liberally responded to. Among the first replies was the promise of a handsome donation of £200 from the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Limited, Manchester. This Society has taken a warm interest in the Institution from the commencement, and has, altogether, contributed the sum of £410. It is very gratifying to see from the foregoing paragraph that many Co-operative and Industrial Societies contribute to the funds, and this indicates that the benefits of the Institution are well appreciated by the intelligent artisans who are members of such societies.

The New
Workshops.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the erection of the new workshops, to be called "The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops." Thanks to Mr. Storey's munificence, much additional accommodation will be provided for the industrial training of the patients under better conditions than those of the present shops, some of which are inadequate, dark and ill-ventilated, and have been condemned by the Commissioners in Lunacy. It is hoped that within the next twelve months the new building will be completed and in use.

Lunacy
Commissioners

In the Report of their last official visit to the Institution, the Lunacy Commissioners stated that they could give "a favourable report of its condition and management." They also state :

"We can speak very favourably of the condition in which we found the resident patients. They appear, in both divisions, to be very happy and on good terms with those in charge of them : while their dress and personal tidiness showed that proper attention was paid to these matters which form so important an item in the training of the class for whom the Institution provides."

They further remarked :

"The Asylum continues to do much useful work, and the charitable element is well maintained."

From their extensive experience, the Commissioners are able to make valuable suggestions, and the Committee always give these their careful consideration.

The books of account, vouchers, and balance sheets have been carefully examined by the professional Auditor, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, who has been assisted by the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Samuel Satterthwaite. They have also inspected the deeds and certificates of the Sustentation Fund investments. The Report is prefixed to the balance sheets.

Audit.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head—including staff, all office and administrative expenses, as well as building sundries, repairs, workshop materials, and furniture—has been 13s. 11d.; and, omitting the last four items, 13s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. The amounts last year were 13s. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and 12s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. respectively. The cost of food has been increased by the Finance Committee consenting, at the request of the Chairman of the Farm Committee, to allow an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb. for the meat supplied by the farm to the Institution. But among the items of extra expenditure chargeable to the maintenance cost *per capita* are the painting of the whole of the outside of the Asylum and Brunton House, and the renovation of rooms in the Asylum and in the Medical Officer's house. The heavy cost of repairing the drying stoves in the laundry is also included. Under the head of "Property Expenses" in the Maintenance Account, but not reckoned in the cost per head, are the painting and renovation of all the cottages and lodges and alterations at the new cottages. Sundry alterations and repairs have also been made at the farm.

Average
Weekly Cost
of
Maintenance.

Every care is taken to promote economy in the management of the Institution, and but for the extra expenses this year the cost per head would have been less than it was last year. The expenditure in large Institutions needs to be constantly, vigorously and vigilantly supervised, for the slightest laxity in administration is apt to lead to extravagance.

Mr. William Orr, under the Farm Committee and the immediate control of the Principal, continues his satisfactory management of the Farm. He is a good judge of stock, and takes great interest in his work generally. He has made many improvements in the fencing of the estate, for which he deserves great credit. The Farm has supplied to the Institution produce to the value of £3,659 18s. 1d. The supplies have been: 43,098 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of beef; 14,884 lbs. of

Farm.

mutton ; 399½ lbs of lamb ; 1,797¾ lbs. of veal ; 14,013 lbs. of pork ; 144 fowls ; 39,748½ gallons of milk ; 13,149 eggs ; 9,634 stones of potatoes ; 80 stones of turnips ; and 40 stones of carrots.

Death-rate.

The Committee regret the rather heavy death-rate among the patients during the last year or two, but as the Resident Medical Officer has fully dealt with this subject in his report it is unnecessary to dilate upon it here. It is highly probable that the prevalence of influenza in the Lancaster district, which spread to the Asylum, the extensive alterations both outside and inside the building, the diffusion of dust from the wiring for the electric light, have been contributory causes to the mortality. The Committee are confident that no efforts have been wanting on the part of the Medical Officers to secure the successful treatment of the sick patients. A large proportion of the deaths has been the result of tubercular disease of one form or another, and this appears to be the common experience of Institutions for Imbeciles, as well as for Lunatics. How to prevent the disease in patients not suffering from an hereditary phthisical taint, and how to protect the patients generally from infection when the disease has seriously attacked any of them, are questions which are being carefully considered by the managers of such Institutions, and it is to be hoped that some practical suggestions for the solution of the problems may soon be made.

Changes in Staff.

The Committee regret the loss of the services of Miss Agnes Studdert, who has been Assistant-Matron for more than ten years. Miss Studdert's resignation was owing to a family bereavement, necessitating her return home to domestic duties. She was succeeded by Miss Kathleen Bowyer, sister in charge of the children's ward at the Preston Royal Infirmary. Miss Elizabeth Nichol, the Nurse-Matron at the Rodgett Infirmary, who resigned on account of illness, was succeeded by Miss Ethel Coulter, of Lytham, who is most assiduous in her duties. Miss Coulter had previously had charge for 2½ years of the Sanatorium of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, London.

Changes in Central Committee.

The death of Mr. Charles France, who was a member of the Central Committee, and had been Honorary Secretary of the Bradford Committee for 37 years, is deeply regretted.

Mr. France always manifested a practical and cordial interest in the Asylum and was ever ready to render assistance in his own district. His son, Mr. Arthur A. France, has consented to succeed to the office of Honorary Local Secretary. After the election meeting at Kendal, the following gentlemen were added to the Central Committee by the Westmorland Committee:—Mr. F. W. Crewdson, Kendal; Mr. W. G. Groves, Holehird, Windermere; Alderman John Monkhouse, Mayor of Kendal; Mr. Geo. E. Moser, Kendal; Dr. W. Rushton Parker, Kendal; Mr. E. W. Wakefield, Kendal.

Hearty thanks are tendered to the Honorary Officers of the Local Committees for their valuable support. To the Press the Institution continues to be deeply indebted for powerful advocacy, and special mention may be made of the *Yorkshire Daily Observer* and the *Kendal Mercury and Times* for most interesting articles descriptive of the daily life of the Institution.

Acknowledgments.

The after-care of the feeble-minded is a problem of vital importance, not only to the afflicted individual, but also as regards its social aspects, and the efforts which are being made to promote legislation for this object have the cordial sympathy of the Committee. The London Charity Organisation Society, as the result of a resolution passed at the International Congress for the Welfare and Protection of Children, held in London in July, 1902, has taken up the question with characteristic energy and ability. It has asked the Home Secretary to receive a Deputation desirous of presenting a numerous and influentially signed memorial soliciting "the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to consider and report upon the existing provision for Idiots, Imbeciles and the Defective or Feeble-minded, and to make recommendations." The Home Secretary has, however, declined to receive the Deputation, though stating that the subject is under the consideration of the Government. The Committee have given their active support to this movement, and they trust that ere long it will be entirely successful. Voluntary agencies are doing much to ameliorate the condition of the feeble-minded, but cannot possibly accomplish a tithe of what is needed. The work of the training institutions and homes is rendering excellent service in educating public opinion and indicating—as is so often done by voluntary

The After-care of the Feeble-minded

enterprises for other objects—what great advantages might be conferred by well-considered legislation for the training and permanent care of this afflicted class.

Special
Visits.

In the course of every year the Institution is inspected by many visitors, and the following extracts from the Visitors' Book are quoted as expressing appreciation of the work which is being carried on.

March 25th, 1903.

As a deputation from the Eastern Counties' Asylum for Idiots, Imbeciles and the Feeble-minded, we to-day visited this noble Institution. The main object of our visit was the question of Tuberculosis in the Idiot, and the best method of dealing with it in the light of "up-to-date" knowledge.

We were most kindly received by Mr. Diggins and Dr. Douglas.

The practical experience of such men as the former—men who have devoted a long life to the care of the Imbecile—is invaluable in an enquiry of this nature. As we anticipated from his well-known judgment, we found Mr. Diggins maintaining a very level head on the subject—perfectly prepared to do anything necessary, provided the main object of the Institution is kept in view, viz., that it is a Training Institution for the Feeble-minded and not a Sanatorium for the Tuberculous Imbecile.

Dr. Douglas gave us much valuable assistance from a medical point of view, and we were glad to note that he considers perfect sanitation, including the maintenance of an equable temperature of a reasonable height, essential for his patients.

We found everything in admirable order, and thoroughly appreciated the zeal of the Head-Mistress and the marked skill of several of the teachers in their method of training the Feeble-minded.

EDGAR A. HUNT,

Hon. Consulting Surgeon to the Eastern Counties'
Asylum for Idiots, Imbeciles, and the
Feeble-minded.

JOHN J. C. TURNER,

Superintendent and Secretary, Do.

April 13th, 1903.

It has been a real pleasure to visit this Institution and to see the great care that is taken of the inmates in every respect.

Everything in the Institution is cleanly and in order. I beg to acknowledge the great courtesy of Dr. Douglas in showing me round, owing to the absence of Mr. Diggins, whom I have heard a great deal of and would have liked to meet; but on some future occasion I hope to have that pleasure, as I consider that it is the duty of any medical man visiting Lancaster to visit this noble Institution. It is a revelation to a stranger, and I feel sure the visit will never be forgotten.

JOHN ALLISON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., D.P.H. Lond.,
Surgeon Kettering General Hospital.

May 13th, 1903.

I have thoroughly inspected the Royal Albert Asylum, and have been intensely pleased with all I saw. The training of mind and hand is excellent; the cleanliness and cheerfulness and brightness most fascinating; the sanitary conditions very good, and everything most commendable.

WM. RUSHTON PARKER, M.A., M.D., Cantab.,
Kendal.

May 18th, 1903.

It has been a real pleasure to me to visit the Royal Albert, and I have pleasure in testifying to the order, cleanliness, and comfort of the inmates. I acknowledge the courtesy and attention of Mr. Diggins and Dr. Douglas. I consider the work carried on in instructing and improving the Feeble-minded is the acme of Christian philanthropy. I have been deeply impressed by all I have seen, and hope that I may take a deeper and more personal interest in the work of this noble Institution.

JOHN MONKHOUSE,
Mayor of Kendal.

In 1901 a very pleasant and mutually instructive visit was received from Dr. Walter E. Fernald, Superintendent of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, to which reference was made in the 37th Annual Report. Dr. Fernald has since introduced several American friends officially connected with the United States Institutions, and recently the following introduction was brought by Dr. Copp, Secretary and Executive Officer of the State Board of Insanity, Massachusetts :—

Boston, Mass.,

July 13th, 1903.

Mr. James Diggins,
Royal Albert Asylum,
Lancaster, England.

My dear Mr. Diggins,

This will introduce my friend, Dr. Owen Copp, Executive Officer of the Massachusetts State Board of Insanity.

Dr. Copp has supervision of all the Institutions for the insane and feeble-minded in Massachusetts, and is desirous of seeing your excellent Institution. I shall be very grateful for any courtesies extended to him.

I remember my visit at the Royal Albert with great pleasure.

We hope to see you in America soon.

Very sincerely yours,

WALTER E. FERNALD,
Superintendent Massachusetts School
for the Feeble-Minded.

The entry made by Dr. Copp in the Visitôrs' Book was as follows :—

Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,

23rd July, 1903.

I have had a most interesting and instructive visit, and have seen evidence of the most kindly care of the children and of the most progressive and advanced treatment of the Feeble-minded. I am much indebted to Dr Coupland for his courteous attention.

OWEN COPP, M.D.,

State House, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.,

Secretary and Executive Officer State Board
of Insanity, Massachusetts.

Australian
Institutions.

Recently, Mr. Henry Berry, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, brought a cordial introduction from Mr. T. J. Eastham, a former official of the Royal Albert Asylum, and now Superintendent of the Idiot Asylum at Kew, Melbourne. Mr. Berry, accompanied by his brother, Mr. B. G. Berry, of Faversham, Kent, made an inspection of the Institution, and they expressed themselves as "greatly pleased with this Institution, and equally astonished and delighted with the Storey Home." The two gentlemen, who were *en route* for Scotland, promised a second visit on their return. Communication is also maintained with "Minda, a Home for Weak-minded Children," at Adelaide, South Australia, of which Miss Edna Fox, formerly a teacher at the Royal Albert Asylum, is Matron and Teacher. In the Report just received from the Secretary, Mr. J. C. Genders, there are several references to the Royal Albert Asylum, and quotations are made from the 36th Annual Report. At the Annual Meeting of "Minda," the President, Sir Josiah Symon, K.C.M.G., K.C., referred to the success of the Ladies' Associations of the Royal Albert Asylum. It appears that the Institution was visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales, when, as Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, they were on their memorable tour ; and that before leaving Australia "His Royal Highness took the opportunity of assuring the Committee of his sincere sympathy with the excellent work which is being carried on."

The following official entries, among others, have been Deputations made in the Visitors' Book during the last twelve months :—

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BURNLEY UNION :—

“The Deputation from the Burnley Union cannot speak too highly of the Asylum, nor of the condition of the patients.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE SALFORD UNION :—

“A Deputation from the Salford Union saw the patients chargeable to them, and were pleased to find them all in good health and looking happy and contented.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BOLTON UNION :—

“The foregoing being a Deputation of Guardians from the Bolton Union visited this Institution on this date, and were shewn round and found everything eminently satisfactory.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BARTON-UPON-IRWELL UNION :—

“Visited this Institution this day and found it in the same excellent condition. The patients also appear to be well cared for, both mentally and physically, reflecting much credit on the management.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE STOCKPORT UNION :—

“We, the undersigned Stockport Guardians, have this day inspected the children sent here from our Union, and also seen several of the departments, and are well pleased and satisfied with what we have seen, and also with the courtesy of the Governor and the Doctor.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE DEWSBURY UNION :—

“We have visited this Asylum to-day and seen our two pupils, who appear to be well cared for, and everything appears to be done to better them in their unfortunate condition. We thank the Principal and Medical Officer for their attention and kindness.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HUNSLET UNION :—

“We, the Guardians of the Hunslet Union, have this day seen the cases chargeable to that Union, and are satisfied that they are well cared for in every way. We also desire to express our pleasure at the cleanliness and order of the Institution, and the courtesy of the officers to us.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE LEEDS UNION :—

“The undersigned, a Deputation from the Leeds Union, have this day visited this Asylum, and have seen the ten patients chargeable to them. The Deputation are satisfied that every care and attention are bestowed on the inmates, and are indebted to Dr. Douglas and Mr. Diggins for their courtesy during the Guardians' visit.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HOLBECK UNION :—

“The undersigned, a Depntation from the Guardians of the Holbeck Union, have to express their satisfaction with the condition in which they found the patient chargeable to their Union, and also with the cleanliness and order prevailing in this admirably managed Institution.

“They also beg to thank the Principal and the Medical Officer for their kind attention and courtesy.”

Testimony
of
Friends
of
Patients.

It has been the custom to allow a considerable number of patients to go home for a month's holiday in August, when their friends have excellent opportunities of judging to what extent improvement has been made. On the last occasion 148 patients enjoyed this privilege, and the following are quoted from the numerous favourable testimonies given. The reports are written at home, and it is very seldom that progress is not recorded :—

(H. 926.) “We are pleased to state that W. has very much improved, both in his ways and manners. Dr. B. thought he had grown up a fine lad ; he was very glad we had got him to the Royal Albert. Mother wishes to thank you all for your kindness and care towards him. There is never a day passes but he speaks of Mr. Diggins being so kind to him and others, and we feel very grateful to you all.”

(B. 2039.) “I have much pleasure to report to you that R. B. is very much better, and he has been better this holiday than ever before. I must say that he has got on very well ; he has been drawing for us all the time.”

(G. 2045.) ‘We are very pleased with the improvement both physically and mentally, which are distinctly noticeable since his last holiday, and hope these improvements may continue until the desired results are attained. With best wishes for the welfare of the Institution.”

(B. 1666.) “I think myself there is an all-round improvement in my son, and as though to strengthen this view our neighbours—who have seen him year by year—have been heard to make the same remark, so this is satisfactory, and certainly gives cause for gratitude.”

(R. 2239.) “I am pleased to say that we find a great improvement in every respect, in my son R. R. I may say that he met one of his previous teachers the other day and read to her ; he greatly surprised her, as she said she never thought he would be able to read.”

(G. 2076.) “I am delighted to see such an improvement mentally in my son G. W. since August last ; all my relations are quite pleased with him.”

(E. 2235.) “After being an inmate in the Royal Albert Asylum for a period of 1 year 10 months my son F. F. E. has been at home for one month, and during that time after careful observation, I have found him greatly improved in habits and mental condition, although very excitable at times, and requires careful watching. His health is very good and he appears much stronger, and I am of opinion that he is deriving great benefit by being an inmate of the Royal Albert Asylum.”

(E. 1881.) "We feel quite thankful for the improvement A. has derived during the past twelve months; she seems much better in every way, and I feel it my duty to thank you very much. I am quite satisfied and I think it is a credit to you."

(R. 1534.) "Mrs. R. thinks her daughter is much quieter and much improved in talking this time, and we all wish to thank everyone for all their kindness to her, and we are glad to say she enjoys very good health."

(B. 2182.) "I am pleased to report a great improvement in my daughter's condition, both physically and mentally, and that I could not wish for better results."

(K. 1812.) "I am glad to find that N. shows marked signs of improvement in two or three things. She takes a more intelligent interest in all that goes on around her. Her memory is stronger, more retentive, and her perceptive faculty more fully developed. She is quieter in manner, and her behaviour at table and elsewhere all that can be desired. With the quieter manner there is still the same cheerfulness and love of fun."

(C. 1811) "I find that L. has greatly improved in every respect and is most anxious to improve herself. It has been a very busy month for her, cleaning, cooking, and managing the house. We were all greatly pleased with her work."

The Central Committee have pleasure in calling attention to the Annual Reports of the Principal and the Resident Medical Officer, which are, in many respects, very encouraging and suggestive.

The Central Committee wish to take this opportunity of expressing their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Principal and Secretary to the Institution. They are glad to see that notwithstanding his 38 years' work he has continued to watch over the manifold interests of the Asylum with his usual energy and devotion, though recently with somewhat impaired health in consequence of a serious illness eighteen months ago; but the Committee recognise that the time has arrived when arrangements must be made for securing him more extended periods of rest and relaxation than he has hitherto enjoyed.

The Principal
and
Secretary
(Mr. Diggens.)

Dr. Douglas
and
Staff.

The Committee also desire to record their grateful acknowledgments of the zealous co-operation of Dr. Douglas and the other members of the Staff in everything relating to the varied work of the Institution.

Conclusion.

In concluding this Report, the Central Committee gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support which they have always received in the past, and especially during the last twelve months. The Institution is in a prosperous condition, and is fulfilling the benevolent objects of its founders. In the thirty-three years of its active existence it has undoubtedly proved a blessing to hundreds of poor families which have been relieved, for a long time at any rate, from the harassing anxieties involved in the presence and care of an imbecile child ; and the great majority of the patients who have been discharged have returned to their homes distinctly much better, both mentally and physically, while not a few have been enabled to take their places in the industrial ranks of society. Under an All-Gracious Providence, the Royal Albert Asylum has had a career of uninterrupted progress, for which the Committee are devoutly grateful.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending June 30th, 1903.

The following table shows the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during that year :—

					Males.	Females.	Total	Table of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths.
In the Asylum, July 1st, 1902	...	...	...	...	378	196	574	
Admissions during the year...	...	...	...	...	67	36	103	
Total number under care during the year...					445	232	677	
					M.	F.	Total.	
Discharges	...	...	...	...	32	25	57	
Deaths	...	...	...	...	15	15	30	
					47	40	87	
Total number of discharges and deaths during the year...					47	40	87	
In the Asylum, July 1st, 1903	...	...	...	...	398	192	590	

The average number resident during the year has been 590 (397 males and 193 females), as compared with 584 (386 males and 198 females) last year. Of the 103 patients admitted, 53 were elected by the Subscribers; 27 were paid for by their respective Unions; 21 were ordinary reduced-payment cases; 1 was a full-payment case; and there was 1 associated case.

Of the 103 patients admitted during the year, 5 have died, and several were very delicate, and from physical infirmity not likely to derive benefit from the training afforded by the Institution. Others had to be sent into the Ashton Wing, being cripples or epileptics. The majority have, however, improved, and some of them greatly so, whilst patients in whom their nurses and teachers have observed very slight, if any, benefit, have gratified their

D friends by signs of improvement when being visited. I would again impress upon the friends of candidates the importance of remembering that this is a Training Institution and not a place for the care of hopeless cases, or a hospital for the treatment of ordinary diseases. It has frequently happened that patients have had to be transferred to the C Infirmary almost immediately after admission. The Institution has resources for the education and training of feeble-minded children which are useless so far as such cases are concerned.

Discharges.

With regard to the discharged patients, there were very few who had not benefited from the treatment received. Several were epileptics; there were some whose health had been so delicate that they could not be submitted to systematic training of any kind; others were comparatively hopeless cases from the outset, and their principal improvement was in habits. But there were cases of very great improvement. Several of the girls had become efficient in housework, and one or two of them were excellent assistants to the nurses. One poor half-paralysed lad, who was formerly very passionate, but had become very tractable and useful in a variety of ways, had, after his discharge, committed suicide from grief at the death of his mother, to whom he was devotedly attached.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

There has been quite an unusual number of deaths this year; a large proportion has been from Tuberculosis, a disease to which the imbecile class seems to be very susceptible, judging from our own experience and that of similar Institutions, both in this country and in America. I have no doubt that in many cases heredity is an important factor; but I will not enter more fully into the question of mortality, leaving my excellent colleague, Dr. Douglas, to whom I know it has been a cause of great anxiety, to deal with it in his Report. Every care and attention has been paid to cleanliness, ventilation, outdoor exercise, and dietary; but the making of the sanitary alterations, and the dust caused by the wiring for the electric light, have certainly not been conducive to the atmospherical purity of the building.

Sanitary Alterations and other Improvements

When completed, the sanitary alterations will be of great benefit to the Institution, but they are causing much temporary inconvenience. It is a question for the Committee to consider whether it may not be advisable to convert the outside dry-earth closets into water-closets, but if that be done closer supervision will be required. Considerable progress has been made in the wiring of the main building, and we are promised for the coming winter the great boon of



OBJECT LESSON, WITH HEAD MISTRESS.

the electric light, which is so much more cleanly, pure, and hygienic than gaslight. Two additional dynamos and a third boiler have been purchased, but not paid for in this year's accounts. A new chimney has been erected. The Lunacy Commissioners, at their last visit, renewed their suggestion that outside iron staircases should be provided at several points of the main building and one at the Rodgett Infirmary. The Committee have contracted for one to be placed at the south-east corner of the Asylum, and have others in contemplation. The outside of the Asylum, farm, and cottages, has been painted, alterations have been made in the drying stoves of the laundry, and extensive repairs have been made at the farm house and in the shippens. There have also been important alterations at the new cottages.

With all these improvements just completed or in progress I almost fear to suggest anything additional, but shelters, bungalows, or other similar provision for the open-air treatment of tuberculosis are necessary; but if advanced cases of this disease are to be retained in the Institution it seems to me that a separate and more substantial building will have to be erected. It is a question for the serious consideration of the Committee whether, as the Royal Albert Asylum is a *training* Institution, advanced and incurable cases of Tuberculosis should be retained. The Rodgett Infirmary has been found adequate for the treatment of other diseases. I trust that the Committee will see the importance of introducing electric fans for the better ventilation of the two large Halls, the corridors, the school-rooms, and the big dormitories.

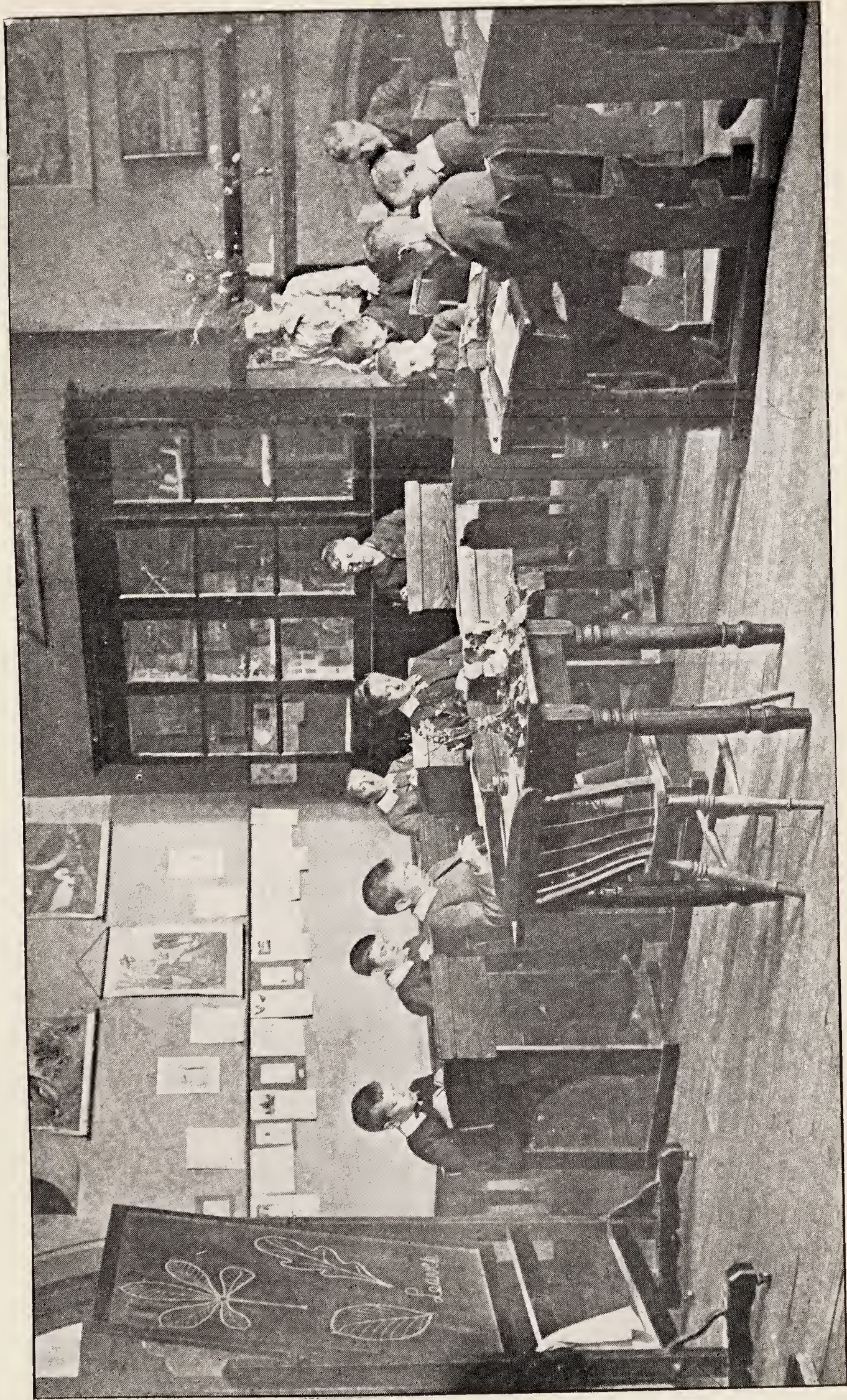
I am glad to be able to state that, notwithstanding the sickness which has been prevalent, the various departments of the Institution have been successfully carried on during the year. In the Schools, the progress has again been gratifying, although, unfortunately, the Head Mistress, Miss Burdett, was compelled to be absent for two months owing to serious illness, from which, I am happy to say, she has completely recovered. The number of scholars has been much increased, and there has been great difficulty in providing space and desks for them. Most of the children admitted were of sufficient intelligence to encourage a hope of improvement. Considerable attention continues to be given to sense-lessons, and most of the pupils in the upper classes can now recognise the common sensations. The lessons have been given on the various things they have tasted, smelt or touched, and on the measurement of liquids and solids. A beginning has

Schools.

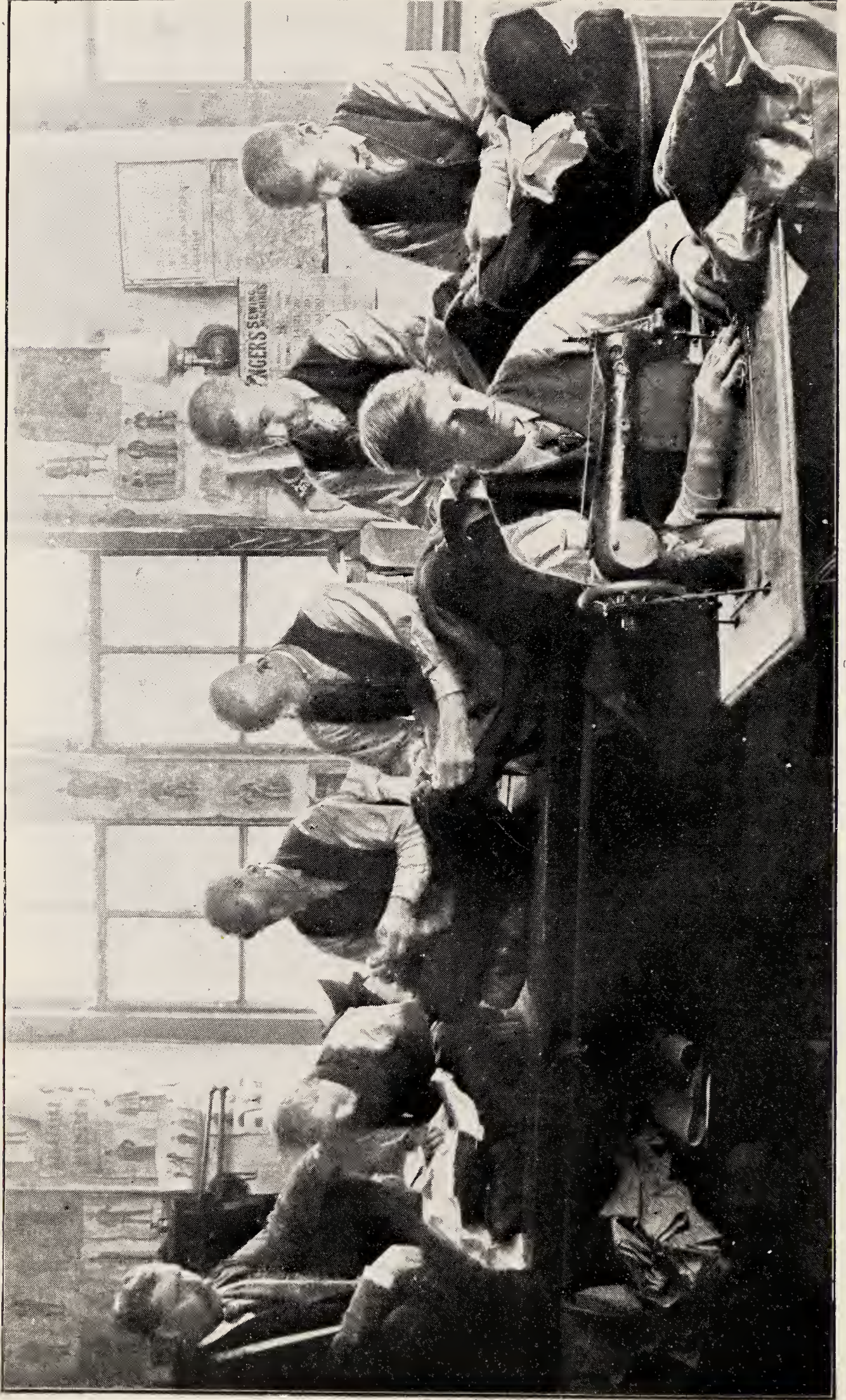
been made in nature-study, and interest has been taken in the rearing of silk-worms, frogs, etc., and in the growth of seeds. The schoolrooms are decorated with wildflowers, so that the children may learn their names and become familiar with them. The pupils have drawn in chalk or by brush-work, first from nature and then from memory, the various garden flowers as they have come into season. Object lessons on common things and phenomena are regularly and systematically given. Everything is done to stimulate the faculty of observation, and it is most interesting to watch the dawn and development of intelligence in the pupils. The teachers take an affectionate and enthusiastic interest in their work, and are always delighted with any signs of improvement they may notice in their pupils. They require, and must exercise, much patience, love, and sympathy, and they deserve every encouragement. The managers of the English Institutions for Imbeciles are now, thanks to their annual Conferences and frequent correspondence, on such mutual terms that the teachers and others are able to visit each others' Institutions and to study their respective methods of training. Personally, I have always found something to learn at any Institution I have visited, and I encourage members of the Staff to avail themselves of such opportunities.

The new "Louise" or London School Board pattern desks for defective children, purchased from Messrs. G. M. Hammer and Co., of the Strand, London, have proved to be a great advantage from every point of view. The pupils can now keep their various books and other apparatus in their desks, and much time is thereby saved. As there is a small blackboard on the inside of the lid they can practise a little freehand drawing. We have introduced into the Girls' School, in addition to the industrial class conducted by Nurse-teacher Hill, a class for the stitching of books in preparation for binding in the senior boys' bookbinding and printing class under Mr. Gallaway. All the boys in the Intermediate School who were able to draw utilised their skill in doing Christmas cards to send to their parents or other relatives, and about fifty were sent from this School. The attendance in the Girls' and Intermediate School has been 231; 61 of the pupils can write letters home with assistance, and 23 without assistance; and the total number of letters written during the year has been 345.

In the Senior Boys' School, conducted by Mr. Vere, 10 pupils attended full time, 15 half-time, and 10 occasionally when their industrial occupations permitted it. There are



INTERMEDIATE BOYS' CLASS.



THE TAILORS' SHOP.

28 pupils in the probationary class. The examination results are well maintained, and further progress has been made in writing, arithmetic, and sense lessons. The pupils in the elementary basket-making class, held daily for an hour, are progressing satisfactorily. A total of 146 letters has been sent from the School during the year.

I am pleased to report that the system of class-reports on the progress of the patients which I introduced has been well kept up.

With a view to give extra time for walking exercise, the morning schools have closed at 11-30, and the pupils have been out of doors for forty minutes before dinner whenever the weather has permitted.

Many of the senior boys have regularly attended the Swedish drill class conducted by Mr. Vere, and they show considerable proficiency; and the junior boys undergo Swedish and dumb-bell exercises. The military and musical drill class, under Chief-Attendant Bond, has been well attended, and the exercises have been performed in a satisfactory manner. One of the patients accompanies the musical drill on the pianoforte. There is no doubt that, as in the schools, habits of order and attention are fostered while the mental powers are being developed and useful instruction given; so in drill, prompt obedience and co-operation are inculcated and practised, in addition to the physical improvement promoted. All this must make it easier for the feeble-minded to get and keep employment when they leave the Institution. No one would care to be plagued with the wilful vagaries and disobedience of an imbecile servant.

Physical
Exercises

The industrial occupations have been successfully conducted. Industrial training is not only useful for the pupils, but the work of the trained inmates must materially assist in reducing the cost of maintenance. In the Tailors' Shop there are 14 boys, three of whom are employed full time, and 11 are half-timers. They do various grades of preparatory work, and three are able to make garments. One lad, who is approaching the completion of his election period of training, is able to work the sewing-machine, and can take it to pieces and clean it. The master tailor, Mr. Craig, is a kind and competent teacher, but as he has all the cutting-out to do, besides supervising the tailoresses' mending department, he is not able to devote as much attention to the direct instruction of the pupils as I should like him to give. It must be remembered that all the garments of the boys, except overcoats, are made on the premises. There are

Industrial
Occupations.

Tailors.

three journeymen tailors. When we can occupy the new Shops, I hope to be able to re-organise this department and to increase the number of pupils.

Shoemakers. There are 10 boys in the Shoemakers' Shop, eight of whom work full time, and the others half time. Two close uppers, three repair, and one makes shoes; the others do preliminary work. When I state that all the shoes of the patients are made in this shop, it will be seen that Mr. George Parsons, the head shoemaker, and his three men assistants, have plenty to do, for, with their shuffling gait, the patients wear out a good many shoes. Mr. Parsons has also the supervision of about eight half-time shoe cleaners.

Brushmakers. In the Brushmakers' Shop there are five boys employed, two of whom are half-timers. Many varieties of brushes are made, as clothes-brushes, hair-brushes, shoe-brushes, scrubbing-brushes, blacklead-brushes, etc. Mr. Mallard, the teacher, works also at upholstery in repairing furniture. Upholstery. His assistant, Mr. White, makes and repairs the hair mattresses, in which he has the help of 17 boys as hair-teasers, of whom five are full-timers. I fear that this hair-teasing is not a very healthy occupation for our patients, especially as now carried on entirely indoors. I think it should be done in a shed exposed to the atmosphere. In this shop, there are 8 boys engaged in simple coir-mat making, five of whom are full-timers. We have no machinery whatever for mat making.

Basket-makers. In the limited space we have in one corner of the tailors' shop, a good deal of Basket-making is done by the five boys employed, one of whom is a half-timer. Many varieties of baskets are made under Mr. Lilley, the master and they have a ready sale to visitors. Some of the pupils are adepts at the cane-seating of chairs. Most of the basket-makers have defective sight, and one is almost totally blind, but very proficient at his work.

Joiners and Cabinet-makers. The Joiners' Shop is a very useful industrial department, in which much of the wooden furniture and many repairs are made. There are 11 boys engaged in this shop, 7 of whom are full-timers. Visitors to the Institution are always greatly impressed with the excellent work done by the boys under their patient and skilful instructor, Mr. James Nickson. John Berry, an ex-pupil, still carries on his Wood-carving. wood-carving class, but the vacancies caused by the death of one promising pupil and the removal of one or two others have not yet been supplied. The making of useful articles



BASKET MAKERS.



DESIGNED AND CARVED BY JOHN BERRY.

does not leave much time for ornamental work. It will be remembered that much of the furniture in the Ashton Wing was made in this shop. The two panels, of which an illustration is given in this Report, were designed and carved by John Berry.

The Baker, Mr. Holland, has 8 patients assisting him, and, under supervision, they make and bake all the bread consumed in the Institution. Valuable help is rendered to the kitchen by the baking of meat and puddings. How well Mr. Holland trains his pupils is illustrated by the case of one of his old boys, who is working in a Yorkshire town as a journeyman baker. In addition to the ordinary wages, he earns some 14s. a week in hawking bread on Saturdays in a cart which he himself has made. It is very pleasing to notice the affectionate terms in which some of his old pupils correspond with Mr. Holland.

Bakers.

I have just heard of another ex-pupil, not a baker, who was so much improved, both mentally and physically, by the training of the Institution, that he is now earning his livelihood by driving a cart in a South Lancashire town. When he came to the Institution he was almost a cripple.

We have in temporary quarters, in the basement of the Institution, a Printing and Bookbinding Class under Mr. Gallaway, one of the teachers. There are 6 pupils, who do much good and useful work in printing programmes, circulars, &c., and in the binding of books and magazines for the libraries. We have supplied two or three simple, second-hand machines, and Mr. Gallaway has received from friends many gifts of type. Printing is an occupation well suited to quiet, delicate, fairly-educated youths, who become much interested in it.

Printing and Bookbinding.

For many of our patients there are no occupations like garden and farm work, which have a most beneficial effect on their health. Pale, delicate, lads become ruddy and robust with regular work of this kind, but in our fickle climate there are many days when outdoor-work is impossible for them, and the difficulty then is to find them suitable employment indoors. Mr. Varey, the head gardener, is a very kind, patient master, and his boys are much attached to him. There are 14 boys employed in this department, and they weed the crops and plantations, do barrow work, dig, gather fruit and vegetables, and assist in lawn-mowing, rolling the walks, &c. Many of our patients have, on leaving the Institution, the best chance of earning their living in outdoor

Garden Work.

labour, and those who have been well trained in trades find, in the fierce industrial competition of the present day, that they must turn to the common forms of outdoor-work. The following is a letter which Mr. Varey has received from one of his old pupils, who was discharged in 1888 after seven years' training. He was a fairly industrious youth, and improved greatly in education and intelligence when at the Institution:—

NEW TREDEGAR, 26th July, 1903.

Letter
from an
Ex-patient.

“ Dear Fred,

“ I am writing this on chance, as I do not know whether you are still at Lancaster or not, as it is years now since I had a letter from you. I was living at Oswestry then, now we have moved to Cardiff. I have been up at New Tredegar now four years last September. It is 19 miles from Cardiff. I go home most every holiday for about a week. I have worked underground (since I live here) in a coal pit. I have worked 14 months in the pits altogether, but there is nothing like being outside after all. I have worked at tending masons; I can carry the hod. There is not much gardening about here. I did several gardens this summer; took them so much the job, dig and plant, but they do not know anything about gardening here: they don't seem to plant a garden here till nearly the end of June. If you ask them before that, they say ‘ Oh, it is too soon yet.’ I should have things in by the end of February, all excepting kidney beans and potatoes, as they will not stand any frost. I have worked a lot in the market gardens in Cardiff; my home is in Cardiff, of course I am in lodgings here; my Father lives in Cardiff. If you get this, write and let me know how you are all getting on at Lancaster.

I have written five other letters to-day, this making the sixth, so I am beginning to get tired of writing. I am working at the haymaking now with the farmers. I write all my letters on Sundays, and shave myself on Sundays. I have more time than in the week. I will write again when I know that you have had my letter, and tell you more news.

I will close now, and say good-bye for the present, hoping that this will find you in the best of health, as it leaves me.

I remain,

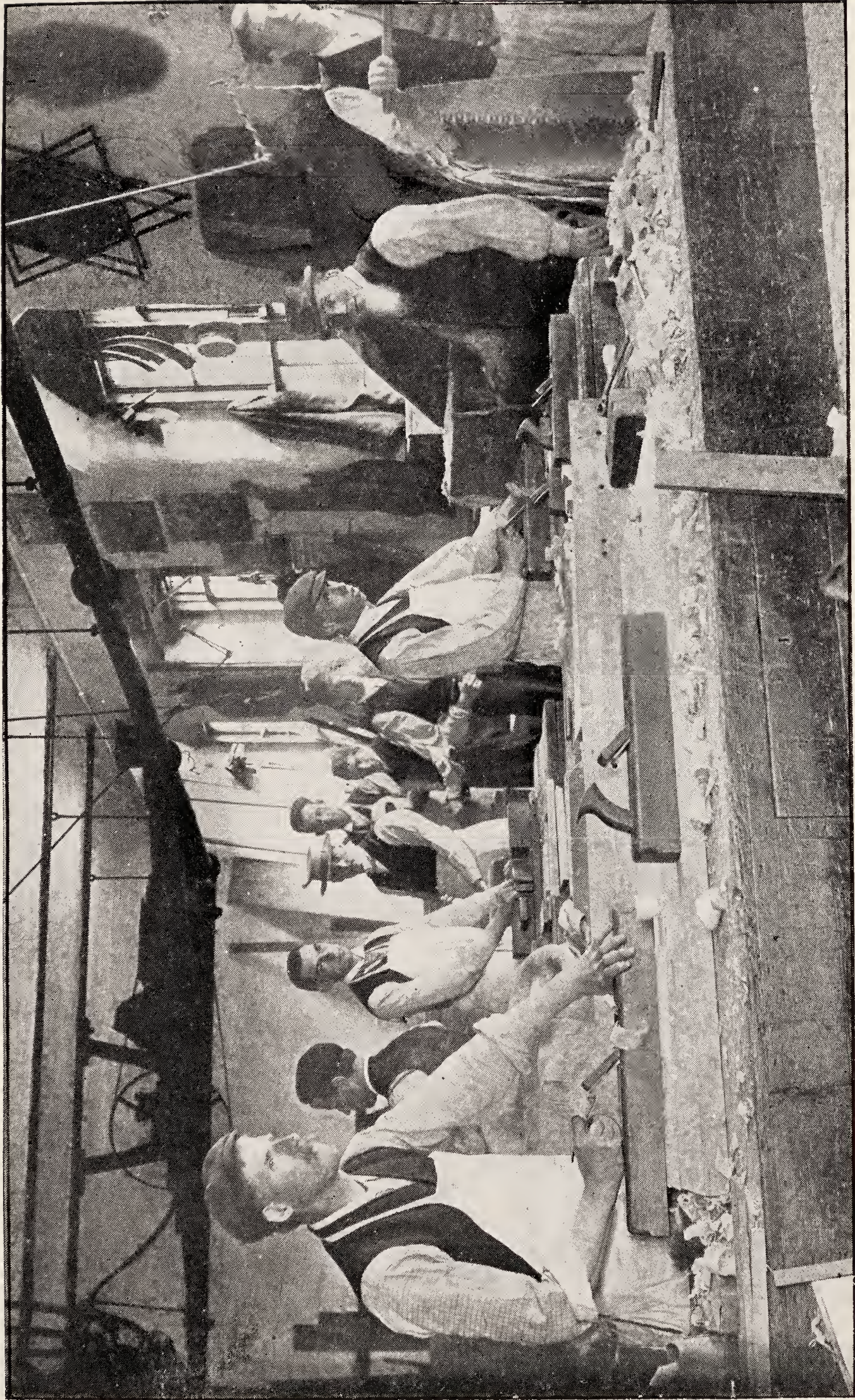
Yours truly,

R. C.”

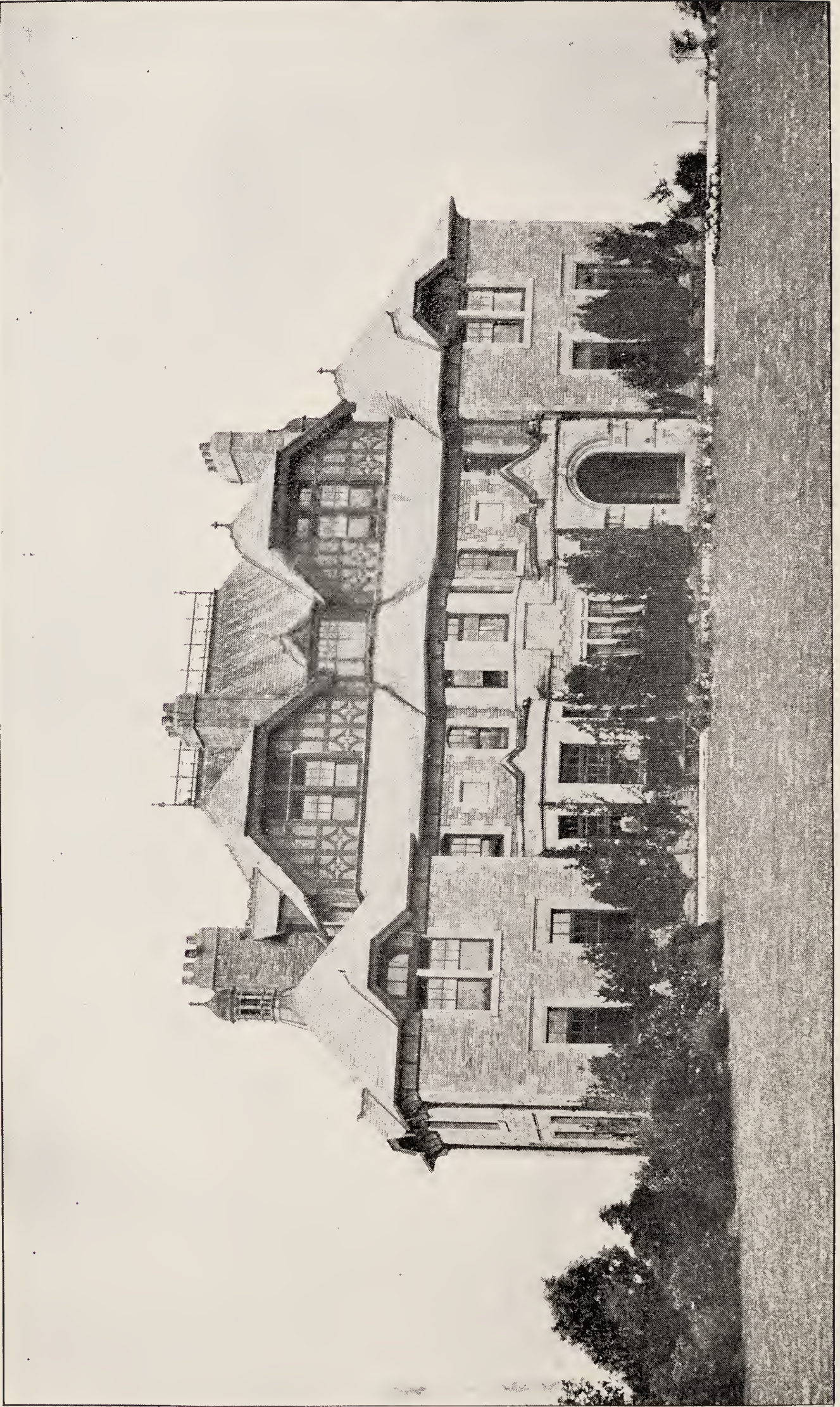
As an experiment I have had eleven plots of garden ground laid out for our senior boys who follow sedentary occupations during the day, to cultivate in the evening. These little gardens are much appreciated, and the boys, under the direction of Mr. Varey, grow mustard and cress, lettuce, radishes, &c., for themselves and their friends.

Farm Work.

At the present time there are 11 boys living at the Farm House under the supervision of Mr. William Orr, the Farm Bailiff. These lads are employed in cleaning the yards, shippens, and piggeries, feeding stock, working with horses, milking, haymaking, gathering crops, etc. Seven other boys work with the Labour Master in weeding, spreading manure, and assisting in gathering crops.



THE JOINERS' SHOP.



THE STOREY HOME.

Other boys are variously employed about the Institution, as in the stores, dairy, kitchen, mess-room, laundry, dormitories, boiler-house, etc. Fourteen can be sent, with confidence, as messengers to town. Two have acted for years as my postmen, and are most regular, punctual and attentive ; one of them does useful work in the office. With these more intelligent boys especially, I find that if you can win their confidence by kindness and fair dealing you may trust them and they will serve you faithfully.

Various
Occupations.

Altogether, 160 senior boys are employed in industrial occupations. Eight junior boys are taught knitting, 29 do Kindergarten work, and 11 make beds.

Five of our senior boys, with an Attendant, have recently been engaged in the healthful occupation of tarring the iron fencing on the Estate, and they have already done no less than 5,637 yards.

The girls do much useful work about the Institution, and if it were not for that, additional servants and nurses would have to be employed. Twenty-six are engaged in bed-making, 20 sweep and dust, 21 scrub and do general housework, and 12 are fairly proficient in sewing and knitting. In the school 10 girls are engaged in preliminary work with the needle, 10 hem, 24 sew well, 7 sew fairly, 66 knit, 15 darn, and 6 are learning basket-work. Some of the senior girls render the Nurses valuable help in attending upon the more helpless patients, to whom they are very kind.

The Storey Home is realising the advantages which the late Sir Thomas Storey had in mind when he founded it. It was his idea that forty of the more intelligent girls who had undergone educational and other training at the Institution should live together at the Home under the care of an experienced Matron and one or two nurses, where they might do their own housework and attend at the Institution daily to render service there in domestic work and assisting in the nursing of the more helpless cases. Their work at the Institution is greatly appreciated ; at any rate, there is much disappointment if, for any reason, they are not able to go to the Asylum. The Storey Home is a bright, happy place, and is kept in wonderfully good order. To those feeble-minded young women who have no friends to whose care they can be safely entrusted, it is a beneficent refuge from the temptations and risks to which, in the outside world, they would be exposed, with possibly disastrous consequences to themselves and to the injury of society. To show that I do not exaggerate these dangers, I quote the

The
Storey Home.

following letter just received from a near relative with reference to one of the best and most useful of the inmates of the Home :—

August 6th, 1903.

“ MR. DIGGENS.

“ Sir,—I need scarcely say that you will be waiting an explanation of B.'s disappointment of her holiday. I cannot tell how deeply grieved I feel when I think of this poor girl, left to the world and cruel mercies of such a father as she has. No doubt, sir, you think I speak strangely, but I expected her here for her holiday on August 3rd. Her father came to me and promised he would be at the expense of her journey both ways, if I would provide for her during the month, which I promised I would. Dear sir, he has nowhere to bring her to; he has wrecked what might have been a happy, comfortable home, and broken her mother's heart through his cruelty and drink, and he will not try and do better. Well, sir, the morning he should have gone to bring B. here he was helplessly drunk, and had been drinking three weeks, so of course had not one penny to help himself. Pardon me, sir, for making you my confidant of this woeful story, but I do so to exonerate B.'s brother from all blame of her cruel disappointment. It is not in our power to provide means to bring her and take her back again, but we're quite ready to try and make her comfortable for the month. I can assure you, sir, I have not magnified her father's faults one bit, as he has not one thought beyond himself and drink, and will never be able to provide either for himself or anyone else.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

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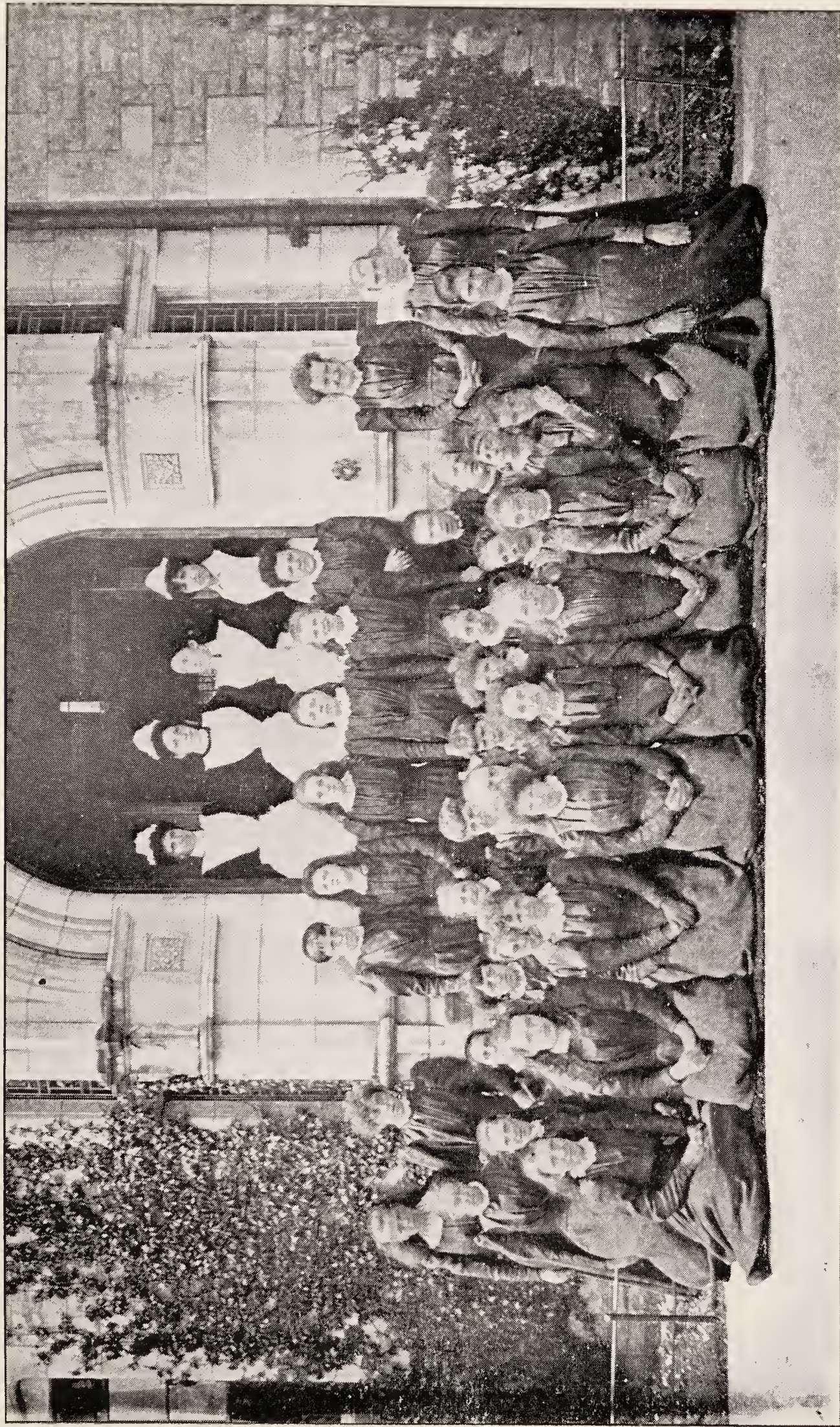
I would not have it supposed that this case is characteristic of the parents of our patients; far from it. They are generally much attached to their children, and ready to make sacrifices for them.

Endowment
of Beds
at the
Storey Home.

Several beds at the Home have already been endowed: two by the late Sir Thomas Storey; two by his eldest son, our generous friend, Mr. Herbert L. Storey; one by the widow of the Architect, Mr. E. Howard Dawson; and one by the late Mr. G. W. Maxsted, an old personal friend of Sir Thomas Storey. And recently we have received a legacy of £500 (less duty) from the Executors of the late Miss Rebecca Galloway, of London, who bequeathed it “for the purposes of the Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls,” in memory of her brother, the late Professor Robert Galloway, who also was a personal friend of Sir Thomas Storey. The Committee have appropriated this amount for the endowment of a bed. Is it too much to hope that these excellent examples will be followed by other friends, so that the entire number of beds may be similarly endowed, and the usefulness of the Home be permanently secured to the fullest extent?

Brunton
House.

Brunton House, which stands in its own grounds within a quarter of a mile of the Asylum estate, is intended for private pupils of a higher grade, socially and intellectually, who attend the schools, occupations and recreations at the



STOREY HOME GIRLS.



STOREY HOME DINING ROOM.

Asylum. It combines, therefore, the advantages of a private Home with the full use of the resources of a large Training Institution. It is under the immediate care of the Matron, Miss Studdert, who has acquired great influence over the lads, and they are much attached to her. She has the assistance of an adequate staff, and the place is in telephonic communication with the Asylum. It continues to be satisfactorily conducted.

I often receive quaint little letters from the patients' Here are one or two specimens. Letters from Patients.

R.A.A., LANCASTER,

"SIR,

June 19, /03.

"I wish to ask you a favour, that is would you kindly let me have a straw hat, that is if there are any more in the Stores, and if not I will buy one. I went to the Wardrobe but they had none in my size, besides being worn and soiled.

"Trusting you will consider the matter over.

Yours sincerely,

J. L."

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,
ASHTON WING, LANCASTER.

"Please Mr. Diggins will you allow me to practice on the piano in the Ashton Wing.

"I thought I would ask you because I can never get chance in the day time and the night time he always locks it up when I want to have a lesson. And then I can play it in grace for the children. I shall be very much pleased if you will kindly accept it. No more this time.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

S.B."

[The piano, which is a very good one, belongs to the Attendant.]

I generally receive little notes of congratulation on my birthday, and I have no doubt my exact age is known to some of the patients. This is from a lad who is fairly intelligent and bright-looking, but he is very deaf and nearly dumb.

LANCASTER,

"DEAR SIR,

April 26th, 1903.

"Just a few lines to wish you many Happy returns of your Birthday, hoping you will enjoy many more Birthdays amongst us.

Yours truly,

S.S."

R.A.A., LANCASTER,

"DEAR SIR,

April 27th, 1903.

"Just a line to wish you Many happy returns of the Day. I enclose a small present which I hope you will like.

"I had a letter from my brother and he wishes me to thank you for the letter you sent him.

"I remain,

"Yours faithfully,

"F.B."

At Christmas I am the recipient of many Xmas cards.

Census
Returns
as to the
Feeble-minded

I have had the census tables at the end of the Annual Report revised. At the census of 1881, the number of idiots and imbeciles returned in the Seven Associated Northern Counties, under 20 years of age, was 2,535. Idiots and imbeciles were not distinguished from lunatics at the census of 1891. At the census of 1901, the number of the imbecile and feeble-minded under 20 years of age in the same counties was returned as 3,390. Of these, 579 were in the Royal Albert Asylum. Of the remainder, many were ineligible for admission into the Institution, according to the rules, on account of various physical disqualifications, or from being hopeless cases mentally. Still there would be a large number outside who would derive great benefit from the treatment, education, and training afforded by the Institution. But, with the special classes for mentally-defective children in many of the large towns, there is a growing diminution in the number of eligible candidates for election, and this will, no doubt, be reduced by the passing in this Session of the Act for Amending the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899, which did not allow the establishment of places "for boarding and lodging more than fifteen defective or epileptic children in one building, or comprising more than four such buildings" in the school authority's district. This restriction has now been abolished by the new Act. But the accommodation for 650, which the Royal Albert Asylum and its branches actually provide, will go far to meet the needs of the most trainable cases for whom it has been established. It was never intended to be a mere custodial Asylum.

Special
Classes.

To show how this movement for special schools and classes for mentally and physically defective children is growing, I learn from a speech by Mrs. Humphry Ward at Newcastle-on-Tyne, that four years ago there were 1,800 children attending such classes under the London School Board, whereas there are now upwards of 3,000.

Employment
of
Ex-patients.

The difficulty which our well-trained patients have of obtaining and keeping employment when they have left the Institution, is illustrated by the following letter received from a youth who had become an expert shoemaker. During the latter part of his time he learned to do cobbling work, thinking he could better earn his living in that way :

HALIFAX,

Mr. DIGGENS.

May 11th, 1903.

"DEAR SIR,

"Would you be so kind as to send my certificate. I am very sorry to say that I have not got any settled employment yet, as there is a good many of people out of work as it is so bad to get in Halifax.

"I send my best respects to you, Sir, and all the others in the Institution.

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. H. L."

We are always pleased to hear of our ex-patients doing well. A young man to whom I have previously referred called with others at the Institution last Whitsuntide, and told us that he was earning 30s. a week as a tailor; and a neatly dressed young woman who left the Institution several years ago said that she had been general servant to two ladies for two or three years, and that she had 5s. 6d. a week. She informed me that she did all the cooking, baking, and washing, and I could not but think that she well earned her wages. So many of our ex-patients like to re-visit their old Home that I often think it would be well to have an annual re-union for them at some holiday time like Whitsuntide, when they could avail themselves of the cheap excursion trains to Lancaster and Morecambe.

I receive many proofs of gratitude on the part of parents for the kind care and attention shown to their children while in the Institution, but the subjoined letter is so full of pathetic interest that I must quote it. The writer is bandmaster in one of the Hussar regiments:—

Letter from
a Grateful
Father.

CURRAGH CAMP,

J. DIGGENS, ESQ.

August 8th, 1902.

"SIR,

"I am writing to you in the fulness of my heart to ask you one more favour, no doubt it will be my last request; feeling sure you will grant it, makes me bold to propose it. May I place it in your hands to convey to the Chairman and Committee of the R.A. Institute my hearty and sincere thanks for their generosity and thought for myself and departed daughter, M. T. C., who was granted an extension of 12 months in the noblest Institution in England. The great Father of us all thought it best to call her to the Heavenly Home that is prepared for the innocent and sinless, and I trust she is there now praying for her parents and the kind Committee, and those that have been in attendance upon her since she was a patient in the noble and humane Royal Albert Institution. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank you, Mr. Diggins, for your kindness, consideration, and courtesy to myself, my wife, and her sister, Mrs. R. Your acts will ever remain imperishable in my memory. Thank God such a gentleman is in such a position that knows so well how to receive the parents of the afflicted committed to his care.

"I wish to thank both Doctors, Douglas and Coupland, for their untiring interest and sacrificing devotion to the care of my dear departed one. I am consoled to know that everything was done for her that human aid could possibly do. I feel specially indebted to Dr. Douglas, not alone for his care of my poor child, but his consideration for me in keeping me informed, both by wire and letter, as to her condition. I regret I had not the honour of a personal interview with him. I also wish to thank the Matron and Nurses who have attended upon my child and helped to make her life as happy as possible. I wish to specially mention the kind lady, the Matron of the Infirmary, who has been exceptionally kind to my poor child and devotedly attentive to her in the last days and hours of her life; myself, wife, and Mrs. R. send her our sincere and heartfelt thanks. I was deeply touched by the true sympathy of Mr. Storey—his words deeply touched me—and I, as a grateful soldier, send him my sincere thanks.

"Now I must say good bye, and God bless you and all concerned with the noble R. A. Institution. I hope you will be blessed with good health, and may you long continue so is the farewell wish of your grateful servant,

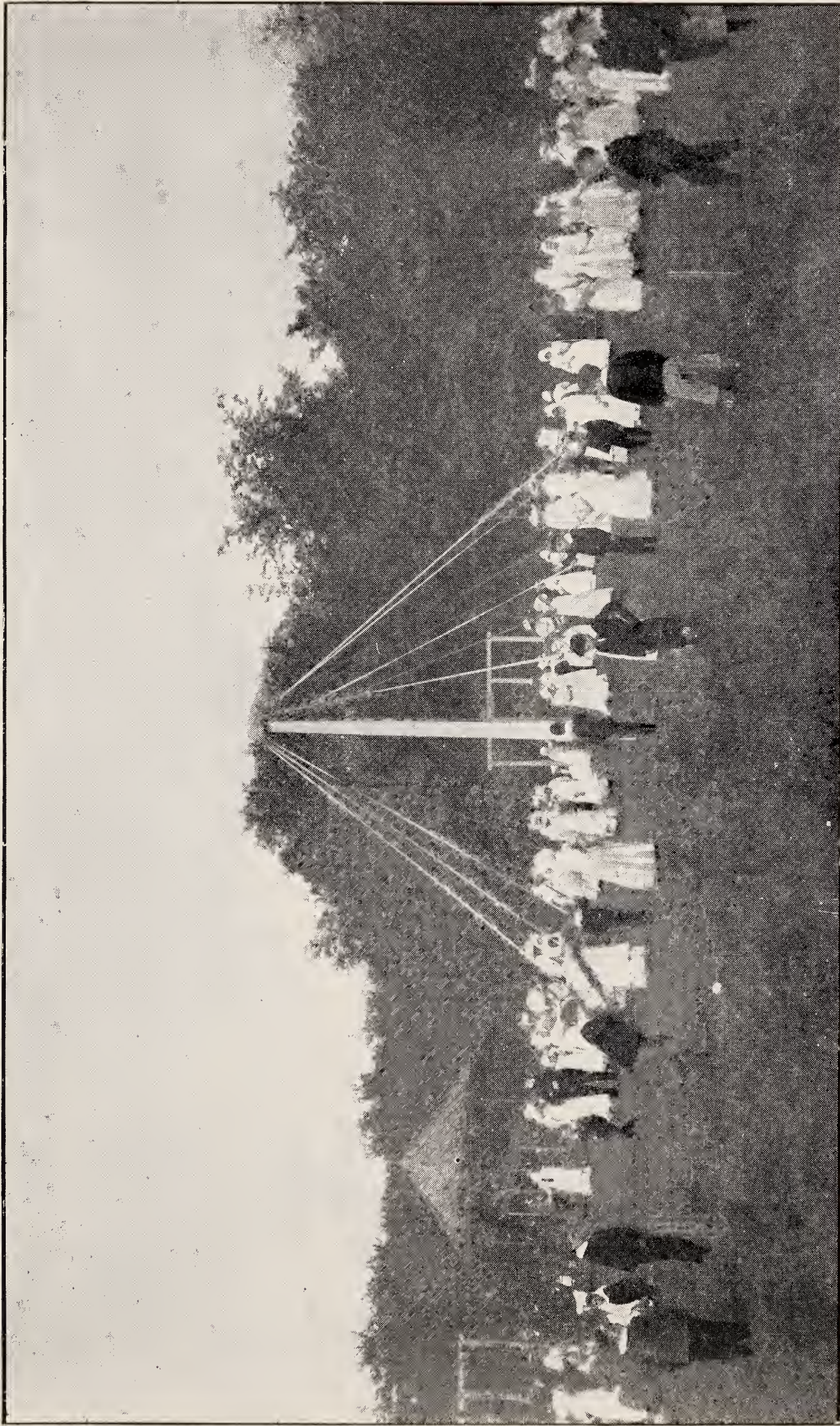
J. C.

Bandmaster."

Institution
Life and
Training.

Institution life for imbeciles is sometimes condemned by those who are not familiar with it, but are prejudiced against what is called "the barrack-school system." They forget that the distinctive characteristic of imbecility is *isolation*, and that for its victims there is an efficacious stimulus in numbers; that a large institution can combine a great variety of educational and remedial agencies and afford facilities for necessary classification, with means of recreation impossible in a small place. They imagine that the inmates are treated with machine-like regularity and constraint. Being weak-minded and without a proper sense of responsibility, these imbeciles are, for their own good and as an important part of their training, kept under discipline which, however, is judiciously parental. Individual development and initiative are, as far as possible, encouraged. I am sure that the Royal Albert is regarded by the great majority of the patients as a happy Home. I have known several young men who, being out of employment, have walked scores of miles to come back to the Institution, and it has always been painful to me not to be able to retain them. As to the affectionate relations between the Staff and the children I cannot do better than quote the following extract from an anxious father who had, with his wife, been to visit his little daughter.—

"As you are doubtless aware we visited Alice at Whitweek, and were much astonished at the way she has grown, as fat as butter and as strong as a horse. We were very pleased and happy at her healthy appearance, and only wish that her mental capacity was improving at the rate of her physical powers, but we must live in hopes, well satisfied at her appearance. During our visit we were very much struck with the vigour at



THE PLAYFIELD.

which the patients enjoyed the outside games. The air of contentment and happiness was apparent to everyone, and the way the nurses looked after them and participated in the fun left a great impression on our minds. I could not help remarking that more real happiness could not be found among equal numbers outside."

The after-care of the feeble-minded deserves the anxious consideration of all interested in the welfare of our patients and the permanent results of the work of our institutions. It is one of the most pregnant apothegms which our great dramatist expresses, when Timon of Athens says :—

After-care.

'Tis not enough to help the feeble up,
But to support him after.

And this is particularly applicable to the case of the feeble-minded. For those who lack friends able to maintain and control them some provision needs to be made for their permanent care, so that by suitable employment and kindly, judicious supervision, they may be prevented from drifting into a state of sloth and degradation. That such responsibility is not for charity to undertake must be admitted; it falls legitimately within the province of the State or Local Authorities, and this has frequently been urged in the Annual Reports.

Arising out of a resolution passed last year in the Medical Section of the Third International Congress for the Welfare and Protection of Children, "that it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to report on the legislation, permanent and general, that should be made for the Mentally-Defective and Epileptic of all classes," I was asked by Mr. C. S. Loch, Secretary of the London Charity Organisation Society, to promote a petition to the Home Secretary, begging him to receive a deputation to set forth the needs of this afflicted class, and to ask his Majesty's Government to appoint such a Royal Commission. I obtained the support of the Chairman and many influential subscribers of the Royal Albert Asylum, and similar action was taken by the principal officials of the kindred institutions in this country. A communication was made to the Home Secretary, who declined to receive a deputation, but stated that the subject was under the consideration of the Government. The matter will not, however, be allowed to drop, but further steps will be taken at a convenient opportunity. I submitted to Mr. Loch some practical hints for the training and permanent care of the mentally-defective. Such children, uncared for, are a grievous burden to poor families, and when they are adolescent they may fall an easy prey to the vicious and become a source of danger and demoralisation to Society.

Need for
Legislation.

Lectures by
Dr. Coupland.

In the spring, Dr. Coupland, our esteemed Assistant Medical Officer, gave to members of the Staff a course of lectures on "Anatomy, Physiology and Practical Nursing, as applied to the ailments of the Feeble-minded." Our constant object is to induce the Staff to take something more than a perfunctory interest in the patients. The more they know about imbecility in its scientific aspects, the more they will appreciate the importance of the work of the Institution.

Work of
Attendants
and
Nurses.

The work of the Attendants and Nurses is very trying, and their hours are long. As many of the young men and women stay only for a short time, one of my greatest difficulties is the efficient staffing of the Institution. I am glad to say, however, that we have a large proportion of officials who have been with us many years. The Committee's decision to recognise long service by conferring medals will, I am sure, be much appreciated. For seven years' service a bronze medal will be given; for twelve years' service a silver medal; for seventeen years' service a gold medal.

Medals.

Christmas
Entertain-
ments.

No one could have witnessed the performance, during the Christmas holidays, of "San Toy: A Chinese Musical Comedy," by the kind permission of Mr. George Edwardes, of London, without being greatly impressed by the ability and *verve* with which the Staff acted. Such Christmas performances involve much severe toil and close application on the part of all concerned. Great credit is especially due to Dr. Douglas, who selects and directs the plays; to Mr. Vere, who has charge of the musical arrangements; to Miss Bolton, who skilfully accompanies the music on the piano-forte; and to Mr. Nickson, who is the stage manager. The plays are performed entirely by members of the Staff, with the participation of some of the senior patients. They are thoroughly enjoyed both by visitors and patients, and in the memories of the latter the melodies linger for many a long day.

Acknowledg-
ments.

I am grateful for the assistance I have received from the Staff generally, but I desire especially to acknowledge the great kindness and hearty co-operation of the Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Douglas. I wish also to express my appreciation of the zealous services of the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Coupland, and of the manner in which the new Matron, Miss Siviour, has performed her important duties. To Mr. Shaw and the other members of the office staff, I am much indebted for their earnest, self-denying labours, and for their cordial support at all times. I have had much useful help from Mr. Keir, whom the Committee kindly appointed to



STAGE IN THE WINMARLEIGH HALL.

assist me in the routine secretarial duties. I must not omit to refer to the valuable services of the Steward and Storekeeper, Mr. Macdonald.

To the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, and Members of the Central Committee, I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude for their continued courtesy, confidence and support. I have always felt it an honour to serve them and to assist in promoting the beneficent objects of the Institution, whose welfare and progress I have ever had at heart.

I beg to remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES DIGGENS,

Principal.



REPORT OF THE RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN—

I have the honour to present the Report of the Resident Medical Officer for the year ending June 30th, 1903. The following table will show the numerical changes which have occurred in the patients in that time :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1902	378	196	574
Admitted	67	36	103
Discharged	32	25	57
Died	15	15	30
Aggregate number under treatment	445	232	677
Average	397	193	590
Maximum number resident on any one day	399	215	614
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1903... ..	398	192	590

Admissions.

Remarkable
Case of
Improvement.

During the year 103 patients have been admitted to the Asylum, and the degree of intelligence manifested by the majority bears on the whole a favourable comparison with those admitted in former years. One of these is, perhaps, especially deserving of notice, as it is very instructive both with respect to the results of our methods here and with regard to the “social” position of a case of this kind. The admission of this youth was sought by his parents, as they had begun to find that it was becoming nearly impossible to manage him at home. He is a bright, intelligent-looking lad of 14 years of age. When he came here he could read, write, and count in a manner quite up to the average, but the great home trouble was his propensity for running away, taking money belonging to his father, and afterwards indulging in mendacious statements and explanations which were as clever as they were plausible. The distress of his parents was great, and they frankly told me when they brought the lad to the Asylum that they could do nothing with him, and his future was to them a terribly serious matter. The case was to us at first an anxious one, and after the usual period of observation had passed it was decided by the Principal, at the patient’s own request, that he should be taught printing, so he was accordingly sent to our



TYPICAL CASES.

experimental printing shop, where he made an excellent start. His general conduct was on the whole good, but one or two lapses occurred of a trivial kind in themselves, but still in the main corroborating his previous history. During the last eight months, however, he has settled down well to his work and has behaved with exemplary steadiness. He is rapidly acquiring a knowledge of his trade, and has so far progressed that he is entrusted with the work of printing the entertainment programmes, which he can do unaided. I have frequently trusted him with messages and money, about which he has been perfectly honest. I submit that cases of this kind demonstrate incontestably the great value of their care and training in large Institutions like our own. This lad was too advanced for any "Special Classes for the Feeble-Minded," at an ordinary school he only got into mischief, whilst out in the world his normal appearance and agreeable manners deprived him of the sympathy and consideration which his partially hidden mental defect ought to have elicited. Here he very soon created his own little world and friendships in the congenial atmosphere of the Higher Grade Department, the very successful Senior Boys' "Club" instituted by Mr. Diggins last year, and I hold that it is to the fact of this lad having been put, so to speak, upon his mettle and treated by his teachers and others as a rational and self-respecting pupil, together with the effect of the different amenities constituting the general life of the Institution—it is to these factors in combination we owe much, if not all, of the very satisfactory improvement which has been effected in this case. In a letter recently received from his father the latter says: "I am delighted with the great progress my son has made. Every time I have seen him I have noticed a marked improvement; he is more manly, and his conversation is all that can be desired, and I am also pleased with the good letter he sends home week after week."

The cases admitted were isolated for the usual period of fourteen days in the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary. Difficulty has again been experienced with respect to the location there of patients suffering from infectious disease, and thereby delaying the admission of successful candidates.

Fifty-seven patients have been discharged during the year, and it is satisfactory to note that the number of those who have been much improved by their term of residence and training here is well maintained. Our classification of degree of improvement is somewhat rigorous, and the number of patients discharged "much improved"—twenty in

Discharges.

all—is a very substantial testimonial to the work done by the staff of the Schools and also by the instructors in the workshops. The appended table indicates the various degrees of improvement attained and the numbers in each group.

	M.	F.	Total.
Much improved	12	8	20
Moderately improved	4	4	8
Slightly improved	7	8	15
Not improved	9	5	14
Total ...	32	25	57

From these figures it will be seen, that only fourteen patients during their period of seven years residence in the Institution have failed to obtain benefit from it, and when the fact of their having been hopeless cases from the day of their admission is remembered, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the charitable nature of the Institution has been instrumental in lightening the burden of many heavily handicapped families by undertaking the care of the afflicted member for a term of years, and thereby in a goodly number of cases affording security for the mental well-being of the other children. I much regret to have to report that four of our patients have become insane during the year, necessitating their removal to lunatic asylums. There was no special feature in any of those cases except perhaps in the instance of one who had been an inmate for many years, a girl who became very difficult to manage, and finally developed suicidal tendencies. Much sympathy was felt for her.

Deaths.

I again have to report a regrettably high death-rate. Fifteen males and fifteen females have died during the year, and this represents a rate of 5·1 per cent. calculated on the average number resident, and of 4·4 per cent. on the aggregate number under care. The causes for this are numerous, but chiefly due to the fact that early in this year the Asylum was visited by a very severe epidemic of influenza. Over 200 patients were attacked more or less seriously, and the convalescence of the majority was slow and difficult. I ought, perhaps, to say that this epidemic was not confined to the patients, the entire staff of the Asylum, with but few exceptions, including my colleague and myself, being attacked, and it at one time was a matter of great difficulty for the Principal to administer satisfactorily the various departments of the Institution. With respect to the patients, this epidemic of course operated in the way only to be expected; constitutions feeble to begin with were further debilitated, rendering a large number an

Influenza.

easy prey to the ravages of other diseases, notably tuberculosis. This has formed such a very marked feature in the death-rate that it demands special consideration, which I shall give to it in another section of this report. A table of the various causes of death and the number certified under each head is subjoined.

					Males.		Females.		Total.
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	...	14
Influenza	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	6
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	...	1	...	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	0	...	1	...	1
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
Chronic Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	2	...	0	...	2
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	...	0	...	1
Gastro Enteritis	...	...	...	...	1	...	0	...	1
Suppurative Arthritis of Knee...	...	...	...	...	1	...	0	...	1
Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	0	...	1	...	1
TOTAL					15		15		30

The general health has, I regret to say, been below the average of previous years. This can, of course, be accounted for in very great measure by the radical sanitary alterations which have been in progress during the last two years. The disturbance of the walls and floors rendered necessary by the wiring of the Asylum for the electric light and the amount of fine dust thus caused is also responsible for some of the general sickness which has occurred. It is a well-known fact that as soon as sanitary alterations in a building of the age of our Institution have begun, then interference, more or less important, with the normal health standard of the inmates must be expected. The trouble began coincidentally with the alterations in the Drainage Scheme three years ago, when certain definite ailments manifested themselves, due incontestably to this cause. Amongst them were numerous cases of sore throat of a specific kind, including diphtheria in my own family, also rheumatism and other affections, clearly pointing to the source stated. About the time when the new Sanitary blocks were begun enteric fever made its appearance, together with ill-defined cases of abdominal trouble and diarrhoea. At a still later date measles occurred, but it is not easy to trace its causation in the absence of a history of definite infection from without the Asylum. There is a probability that the external dry earth closets still in use in the male and female departments are insanitary and undesirable; and it is most difficult to ensure efficient attention to them. The benefits accruing from the new sanitary alterations are already apparent in the female department by the generally improved state of health of the girls, the

General
Health.

obsolete arrangements formerly existing in the North East Wing having been replaced by modern conveniences; and the changes in progress in the North West Wing are rapidly approaching completion, and will place the entire department in a thoroughly sound sanitary condition. Enteric fever, which had its origin here, has been absent for many months and there is no reason to believe that it will occur again.

Tuberculosis.

The serious degree in which Tuberculosis has influenced our death-rate during the past and previous years has compelled us to a very anxious consideration of its prevention and possible cure in our patients. It is a well established fact that in order to minimise the tendency to tuberculosis ample air space, and plenty of fresh air are imperatively essential. With respect to the air space in rooms, dormitories, &c., and over-crowding, I accompanied the Principal in a thorough inspection of the whole building with a view to ascertaining our exact position with regard to this. The result was that, with due attention to ventilation and floor space, the Asylum and its branches are quite inadequate to accommodate any considerable addition to the present number of patients. This, of course, does not include the Rodgett Infirmary, which must be left out of the reckoning. A serious difficulty, however, arises from the fact that our Asylum being an institution for the training and education of the feeble-minded, how far is the Central Committee justified in going in the direction of the provision of treatment for cases which are hopeless from the outset? All agree that phthisis in its later stages is most potent in the infection of others, and for such, in the best interests of the entire community, segregation is of course necessary, but in instances when the disease is in an early stage the object might be attained by treatment on a partial open air system, viz., the patients spending their time in the open air in bungalows or shelters. It must be remembered that the adoption of the system of open air sanatoria, desirable as it doubtless is, is one fraught with very considerable increase in general expense, and it will be for the Central Committee to decide whether cases of undoubted tubercular disease will be allowed to remain in the Asylum or be discharged. The system of tents or bungalows with the patients sleeping at the Asylum might answer fairly well here, but further measures on broader lines demand careful consideration, particularly if the extra expense means the contraction of the educational and training element, which is the chief object of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Perhaps as so many people are quite ignorant of the real nature and of the objects of our Institution, it might not be out of place here to emphasise the fact that this is by no means a custodial Asylum, purely and simply, nor yet a hospital for the alleviation of those cases of imbecility whose physical disabilities are pronounced and preclude all hope of further mental amelioration. I think that a perusal of the Principal's Report ought to be sufficient to convince the public of the Seven Northern Counties that the Royal Albert Asylum, with its large and efficient staff of teachers and instructors, directs its energies to the attainment of the highest possible results in the education of the feeble-minded, and it achieves this object in greater or lesser degree annually, as is shewn by the statistics.

I regret to have to record an increase in the number of epileptic patients, 77 of whom are now under care in the Asylum. Several of those have become epileptic after admission, some with a history of former seizures occurring up to two or three years before admission. I would beg to point out that such candidates ought not to be regarded in any way favourably with respect to their eligibility, our experience being that after a few months residence a not inconsiderable number begin to have fits, and some of our worst cases are instances of this class. No less than 14 patients have become epileptic during the year, and the disease has been the cause of one of the deaths. At a Conference of the Managing Officials of the Training Institutions for the Feeble-Minded, held on July 22nd under the presidency of Mr. Diggins, I introduced a discussion upon the question of whether as our Institutions are mainly educational in object we ought to retain chronic cases of epilepsy. The feeling of the Conference, after consideration of the subject, was against the retention of such patients as being very undesirable for a variety of reasons, amongst which the increased financial responsibility entailed by the provision of the extra staff necessary was not amongst the least important. No mental improvement can possibly be expected in a chronic epileptic. All that can be done for this unfortunate class is being done here, their lives are made as bright as possible by suitable occupation and cheerful surroundings. The most important measure is the maintenance of the general health together with an open-air life. All our epileptics who are able are engaged in light work in the gardens, and this seems to me to be the best form of treatment. The employment of drugs is of course indicated under certain conditions, but they are not

Epilepsy.

administered here in a routine fashion. The table appended forms a record of the fits for the last twelve months.

SUMMARY OF EPILEPTIC FITS, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1903.													
Class.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total
Senior Boys	143	167	194	126	190	118	284	139	213	216	185	172	2147
Junior Boys	17	6	18	20	15	10	2	6	8	0	0	0	102
Girls... ..	173	288	207	189	206	216	149	122	159	104	71	51	1935
Total ...	333	461	419	335	411	344	435	267	380	320	256	223	4184

The advantages of the Ashton Wing cannot well be over-estimated, and the very striking improvement in the health of the patients domiciled in both the upper and lower departments continues to be very manifest. This is perhaps more noticeable amongst the epileptics, and the very great reduction in the number of the fits which have occurred during the year—4,184 (with more cases), against 5,657 last year—is due almost entirely to the improved environment of these cases. The spacious glass-roofed verandah surrounding the building has proved of great use during inclement weather, and there were very few days indeed when the occupants of the entire Wing were unable to be in the fresh air.

Enteric
Fever, &c.

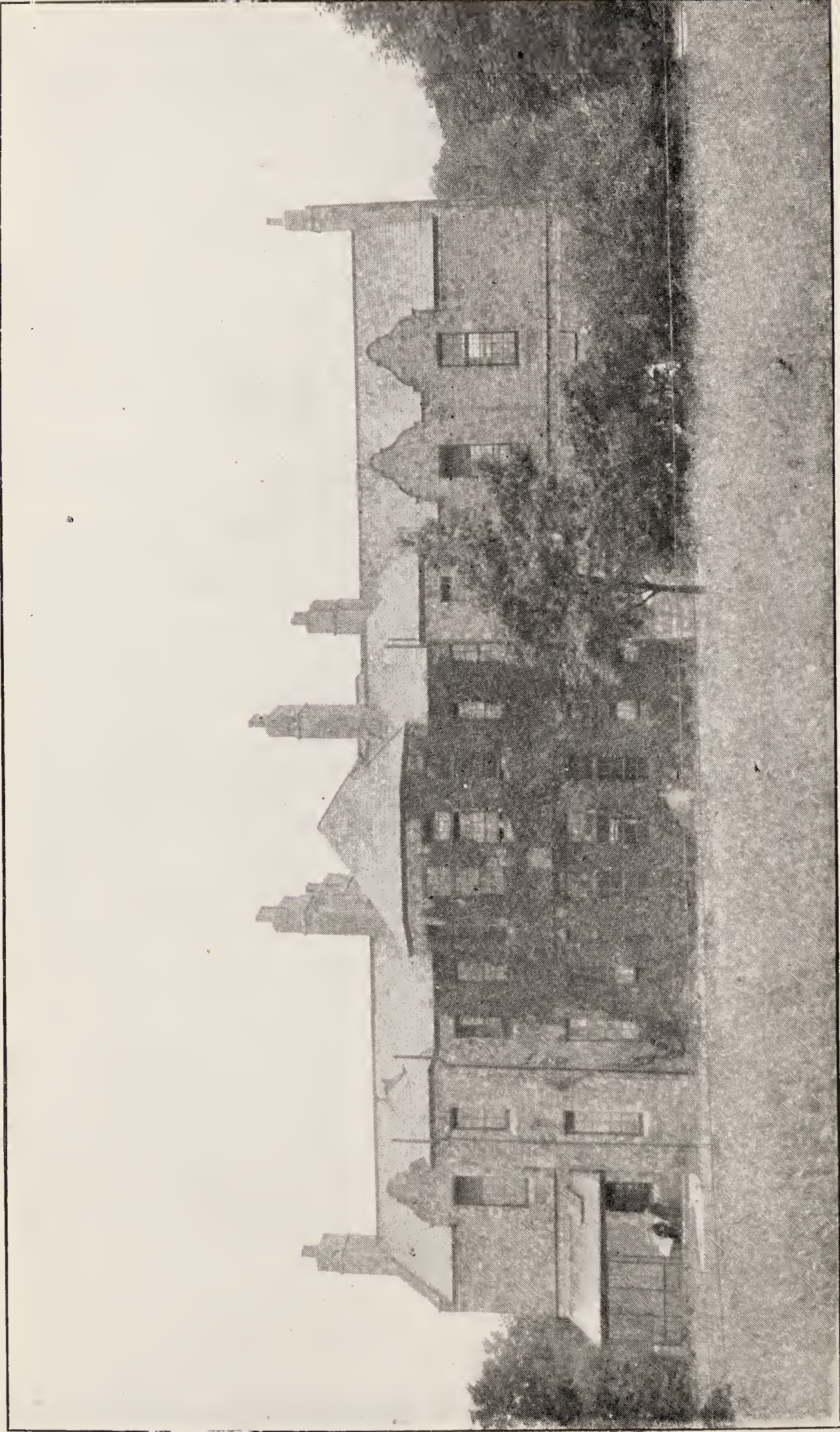
During the year 9 cases of enteric fever have occurred ; the cause is undoubtedly connected with the alteration in the Sanitary arrangements, and suspicion attaches itself to the dry earth closets. I am glad, however, to report that there is now a distinct decline in the progress of the disease, which has been on the whole of a very mild type. Measles has also appeared on the girls' side of the Asylum, but our knowledge of its causation is obscure ; 15 patients were attacked, but all made an excellent recovery, no case being severe.

Outdoor
Exercise and
Games.

As in former years we have endeavoured to keep the patients in the open air as long as consistent with the regulation hours for work in the schools and workshops. The Victoria Walk has again been of the greatest use and the gymnastic apparatus in the play-fields has done excellent service. A cricket match is played regularly every Saturday and football is the favourite winter game.

Drill.

The class of Swedish Drill under Mr. Vere continues to do good work and is as formerly under medical supervision. The Military Drill class under the chief attendant is productive of excellent results as evinced by the improved carriage and personal smartness of the boys attending it.



THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.

I am glad to report that there has been no accident of a serious nature this last year. Minor mishaps will occur, but even these have not been numerous. Much depends upon the ability of an attendant or nurse to cope with any emergency until the doctor's arrival.

The Rodgett Infirmary has again done much good work, although there has been a regrettable series of changes in the *personnel* of the Staff. Miss Elizabeth Nichol, whom the Central Committee appointed as Nurse Matron in succession to Miss Bracken, resigned her position and left in February last because of failing health. She was followed by Miss Ethel Coulter, who has performed her duties in a highly satisfactory manner and with great sympathy for the patients under her care. For some time past we have felt the necessity for a second trained nurse who could assume full charge in the absence of the Nurse-Matron. We have repeatedly endeavoured to obtain one, but so far failed to secure the person we want. The accommodation for Staff at the Rodgett Infirmary is very limited.

The Rodgett
Infirmary.

During the Winter, Entertainments of a varied character have been given every week in the Winmarleigh Hall and a dance for the patients every month, which have been much enjoyed. At Christmas the Musical Comedy *San Toy* was rendered three times, and was greatly appreciated by the patients.

Entertain-
ments.

The usual scenes of pleasure and excitement were acted over again when the numerous gifts were distributed from the Christmas Trees, which were, thanks to our kind friends in all parts of the Northern Counties, as richly supplied as ever.

Our usual Pic-nic to Cockersand Abbey was anticipated by a kind invitation from Mr. John Hutchence, formerly our capable and respected Farm Bailiff, to visit him at Catterall Hall. About 151 patients, accompanied by the Asylum band, drove there in wagonettes. An excellent repast was provided for the Staff by Mrs. Hutchence, and the patients had a most enjoyable outing. With great enthusiasm and a rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" the party took leave of their kind host and hostess, and reached home safely in the early evening. This was one of the most enjoyable of our annual pic-nics, and our best thanks are due to Mr. Hutchence for his kindness.

Picnic to
Catterall Hall.

Acknowledg-
ments.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to offer my hearty acknowledgments to the Principal and Secretary of the Asylum for all his kindness and courtesy to me during the past year. It is very important that Mr. Diggins should now take more frequent relaxation from active work, after nearly forty years devoted to the well-being of this Institution which owes so much to his enterprise and energy, and I should be glad if I could in any way assist in carrying out this desirable object.

To my esteemed colleague, Dr. W. H. Coupland, I once more tender my best thanks for his loyal and cordial co-operation.

To the Central Committee I beg most respectfully to express my gratitude for much kind support and consideration during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARCHIBALD R. DOUGLAS,

Resident Medical Officer.





THE DRUM AND FIFE BAND.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

I have the honour to report that I have examined the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1903. Vouchers for all payments have been exhibited to me, and I certify that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. I further certify that the accompanying Annual Statements of Accounts are, in my opinion, properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the receipts and payments for the year. The Books have been kept with great neatness and accuracy.

In company with the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Samuel Satterthwaite, I have examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and have found them in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1902,

Receipts.										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, June 30th, 1902 :															
At Lancaster Bank...										1,570	1	1			
Cash in hand ...										12	1	9			
													1,582	2	10
,, Donations ...										622	15	6			
,, Annual Subscriptions ...										4,233	4	5			
,, Payments for Patients ...										11,396	2	10			
,, Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments ...										5,149	18	6			
(Including £13 15s. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift.")															
,, Interest on Bank Deposits ...										88	19	3			
,, Rent ...										233	6	6			
,, Sundries ...										239	11	6			
													21,963	18	6
,, Farm Produce { Supplied to the Asylum...										£3,659	18	1			
{ Sold ...										221	2	0			
										£3,881	0	1			
Less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c. ...										3,460	2	10			
										£420	17	3			
													420	17	3

£23,966 18 7

Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—4th September, 1903.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Huddersfield, Meeting at Kendal, and of Local Committees, &c.	179	14	6			
" Expenses of Election at Kendal	46	9	10			
" Printing 5,460 Thirty-eighth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	222	10	9			
" General Advertising	39	4	3			
" Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists, Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.	97	6	11			
" Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries... ..	<u>124</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>			
				709	13	4
" Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £951 10s. 11d. Expenses { Asylum £7,359 11s. 2d. }	8,311	2	1			
" Provisions ... { Purchased £2,217 4s. 4d. From Farm... .. £3,659 18s. 1d. From Garden £242 6s. 3d. }	6,119	8	8			
" Necessaries : Coals	1,782	12	11			
Gas	345	13	10			
Water... .. .	275	5	2			
General	290	0	9			
" Clothing	1,249	14	10			
" Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	163	2	11			
" Asylum Printing and Stationery	33	5	2			
" Asylum Postage	8	1	4			
" Insurance	98	11	0			
" Maintenance Sundries	665	14	1			
" Workshops and Repairs... .. .	736	14	6			
" Building Sundries	17	6	9			
" Furniture : General	194	2	2			
Ironmongery	39	13	0			
Bedding... .. .	246	14	9			
House Linen	16	4	8			
Crockery and Sundries	<u>65</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>			
				20,659	8	3
" Property Expenses						
" Bank Commission, &c.						
" Grounds and Garden Expenses	£465	6	7			
Less value of Produce :						
Supplied to the Asylum ... £242 6 3	242	6	3			
Sold 1 4 5	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>			
			243 10 8			
			<u>£221 15 11</u>			
" Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1903				1,977	17	0
				<u>£23,966</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1902,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1902	12,435	1	11
,, Bank Interest	207	0	11

Audited and found correct.—4th September, 1903.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£12,642 2 10

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1902,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1902				1,085	9	10
,, Legacies	10,991	10	2			
,, Donation	20	0	0			
,, Life Interest Payment	420	0	0			
				11,431	10	2

£12,517 0 0

Audited and found correct.—4th September, 1903.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1903.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Sanitary Alterations	1,423	10	4
„ New Chimney	521	3	6
„ Electric Lighting	196	10	9
„ Alteration of Shippons	21	6	0
„ Bank Commission	2	7	3
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1903	10,477	5	0
	<hr/> £12,642 2 10 <hr/>		

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1903.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments:—						
£2,773 14s. 4d. Consols; Interest at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	2,591	3	2			
£3,438 Great Western Railway Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.	5,455	16	0			
£2,484 0s. 3d. Midland Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	2,090	0	0			
£1,002 Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 3 per cent.	999	10	10			
	<hr/>			11,136	10	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1903				1,380	10	0
	<hr/>			<hr/> £12,517 0 0 <hr/>		

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

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Examined and certified to be correct.—4th September, 1903.
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions),

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND										Donations.			Annual Sub- scriptions.		
PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36321	1	5	234	3	0
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11707	8	5	341	1	6
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11184	19	2	432	2	7
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10443	8	7	309	15	0
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9250	14	8	20	9	6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7243	17	4	155	12	0
WESTMORLAND (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6524	13	9	202	2	7
LEEDS (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5687	5	8	146	12	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5648	17	8	310	2	5
HALIFAX (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5640	19	0	410	9	1
CHESHIRE (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5356	0	9	471	5	0
SHEFFIELD (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3394	19	1	88	6	6
OLDHAM (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3310	5	0	38	6	0
YORK (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2777	7	7	68	6	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2749	3	8	427	1	0
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2631	11	8	17	5	6
BURY (18)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2143	1	0	42	8	3
BOLTON (15)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1980	9	0	90	13	6
BLACKBURN (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1828	10	0	18	7	6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1587	10	11	125	17	6
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1477	12	11	14	9	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1347	7	8	40	5	6
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1277	9	2	11	0	6
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1109	2	6	28	9	0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1041	19	7	40	11	6
WAKEFIELD (17)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	986	18	7	2	2	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	17	0	5	5	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	2	6	3	3	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	662	7	0	9	15	0
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	522	16	6	14	14	0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	8	6	4	14	6
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	365	13	10	5	15	6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12	6	5	5	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	272	14	2	8	2	6
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	183	4	9	19	8	6

June 30th, 1903.

JAMES DIGGENS, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £15,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton; £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; £1300 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.; £1050 from H. L. Storey, Esq., and £525 from Mrs. E. Howard Dawson. In addition to the Storey donations, the late Sir Thomas Storey presented to the Institution the Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls.

- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from the late Mrs. Chas. Turner, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart., and £650 from Joseph Craven, Esq.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq., £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £1000, and £542 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from the late Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from the late Mrs. Bindloss, who also bequeathed a legacy of £900; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and the late Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.; and £630 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (11) The Cheshire Donations include £500 from the late Duke of Westminster, K G., and £500 from the late Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £525 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.; and an Annual Subscription of £50 from the Sheffield Town Trustees.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from the late Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (14) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (15) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (16) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (17) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.
- (18) The Bury Donations include £1,050 from the late Miss Openshaw for the "John Openshaw of Irwell bed," in memory of her father, the late John Openshaw, Esq., and £50 in memory of her friend, the late Dr. de Vitre.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

JUNE 30TH, 1903.

SENIOR BOYS.

A. (1975.) When admitted in September, 1897, at the age of thirteen, spoke very indistinctly, knew a few letters and the value of unit figures, told no hour or minute, knew one or two simple colours, and a few words of the Lord's Prayer.

Now, he speaks much more distinctly, reads fairly well, does dictation, knows all the hours and five minutes, draws well, knows all the coins and weights and calculates fairly well in shop lesson, distinguishes most sensations in touch, smell, and taste, recognises most sounds, has much improved generally, and does well in book-stitching and binding.

B. (1980.) When admitted in September, 1897, at the age of eleven, read fairly well, wrote very indistinctly, could add up a few figures, knew a few hours and one or two coins, but in general knowledge was very deficient.

Now, he reads well and with intelligence, writes fairly well, does rather difficult dictation, works sums in the first four rules, tells the time almost to a minute, knows all the coins and weights and calculates a little in shop lesson, knows most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, recognises sounds, and answers intelligently in object lesson. He works in the brushmakers' shop.

C. (1981.) When admitted in September, 1897, at the age of ten, knew a few letters, wrote a few easy letters on paper, knew one or two hours and a few coins, could say a few sentences of the Lord's Prayer.

Now, he reads well, writes well on paper, does dictation, works sums in simple addition and subtraction, tells the time to a minute, knows all the coins and weights, distinguishes most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, knows sounds of various kinds, answers intelligently in object and other lessons, draws fairly well, drills and marches well, and has improved in general intelligence and usefulness.

D. (2267.) When admitted in October, 1901, at the age of sixteen, knew a few simple words of two letters, read a few easy letters on slate, knew some of the unit figures, but was very deficient in general knowledge.

Now, he reads fairly well, writes fairly well, works sums in simple addition and subtraction, knows the hours and five minutes, tells all the coins and some weights, draws fairly well, knows most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, has greatly improved in general knowledge, and is doing fairly well as a basket-maker.

GIRLS.

E. (2180.) When admitted in October, 1900, at the age of ten, knew words of two letters, wrote letters from a copy, added units, knew a few hours on the clock, a few coins and some simple colours, and could do a few easy drill movements.

Can now read an easy reading book, do easy dictation, also simple composition, add and subtract hundreds and take down thousands, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, tell the time to five minutes, recognise most coins and weights, answer fairly in object lessons, drill and march to music, fix and do needlework well, knit stockings and darn. She is now very helpful in general house-work.

F. (1868.) When admitted in September, 1896, at the age of nine, knew words of two letters, understood the value of units, could knit and hem a little. She had a very stubborn temper, and was a most intractable child.

Can now read well, do dictation and compose a letter with help, do addition and subtraction of thousands, tell the hours and quarters on the clock, name most coins and weights, drill and march to music, fix and do needlework, knit stockings, darn, and assist in general housework. She is now much better tempered, and is an intelligent and useful member of her class. She can also fold clothes in the laundry.

G. (2181.) When admitted in October, 1900, at the age of thirteen, knew the alphabet, wrote fairly well, counted to thirty, knew one or two colours, and did easy drill movements.

Can now read an easy reading-book, do easy dictation and write a letter with help, add and subtract tens, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, answer intelligently in object lessons, tell a few hours on the clock, recognise some coins and weights and most colours, do needlework, darn, knit stockings, drill and march to music. She is a good messenger, and can help well with all kinds of housework, and can fold clothes in the laundry.

JUNIOR BOYS.

H. (2195.) When admitted in October, 1900, at the age of nine, spoke fairly, but was a very quiet, shy boy, and knew nothing.

Can now read a reading primer, take down easy words from dictation, add units and count to thirty, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, answer fairly in object lessons, tell all the hours on a clock, recognise a few coins and weights, also colours, drill fairly and march to music, and do easy Kindergarten work. He is much less shy, and his general intelligence has improved.

I. (2196.) When admitted in October, 1900, at the age of nine, spoke indistinctly, counted a little and knew one or two colours. He was very nervous and shy, but passionate at times.

Can now speak rather more distinctly, read a reading primer, write easy words from dictation, add units and count to thirty, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, tell all the hours on the clock, recognise a few coins and weights, also some colours, drill fairly and march to music. He is less nervous and shy, and never has fits of passion now.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS.

J. (2233.) When admitted in October, 1901, at the age of eight, knew words of two and three letters, wrote easy words from a copy, knew the value of units, could tell the hours and quarters on the clock, knew one or two coins, and could do easy drill movements.

Can now read well, write composition, dictation, and a letter, do sums in the four simple rules, work easy problems and simple money sums, distinguish all sensations of taste, smell, and touch, answer well in object lessons, tell the exact time, recognise most coins and weights, drill and march well, do good freehand, ruler and chalk drawings. He is useful in his dormitory in helping to make beds.

K. (2209.) When admitted in November, 1900, at the age of twelve, knew the alphabet, wrote letters from a copy, counted to thirty, knew a few hours on the clock, could recognise a few coins and some colours.

Can now read fairly well, write dictation and a letter with a little help, do sums in the four simple rules, work easy problems and simple money sums, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, tell the exact time, recognise most coins and weights and calculate fairly well, answer well in object lesson, draw fairly, and drill very well. He can assist in his dormitory by making beds, and he works in the tailors' shop.

L. (2207.) When admitted in November, 1900, at the age of seventeen, spoke indistinctly, knew words of two letters, wrote fairly, could add units, and knew a few colours.

Can now read fairly, write dictation and a letter with a little help, work addition and subtraction sums, tell the hours and quarters on the clock, answer in object lessons, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, draw well, and drill and march very fairly. He speaks more distinctly than he did.

M. (1837.) When admitted in October, 1895, at the age of eleven, spoke very slowly, knew one or two letters, made strokes, counted a little, and knew one or two colours.

Can now speak more quickly, read well, write dictation and compositions, also a letter, work simple problems in the first four rules and easy money sums, draw fairly well, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, tell the exact time, recognise most coins and weights, answer intelligently in object lessons, do simple drill movements and march. He can help in his dormitory by making beds.

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly School Reports.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
	126	32	58	82	298
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	0	0	5	6	11
2. Make some attempt	3	4	11	7	25
3. Make a few articulate sounds	3	10	6	4	23
4. Speak indistinctly	23	7	9	14	53
5. Speak fairly	28	7	15	17	67
6. Speak well	69	4	12	34	119
					298
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	12	13	25	24	74
2. Know a few letters... ..	4	12	12	15	43
3. Know at sight a few words	10	0	7	6	23
4. Know all the letters	17	3	3	6	29
5. Read easy words and spell them ...	44	3	10	17	74
6. Read fairly*	39	1	1	14	55
					298
* 84 Patients read books alone for amusement.					
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	9	22	21	21	73
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..	9	9	12	17	47
3. Do. do. in copy-book	5	0	2	0	7
4. Form letters in copy-book	22	1	9	3	35
5. Write easy words in copy-book	32	0	14	19	65
6. Write fairly*	49	0	0	22	71
					298
* 75 Patients write letters home with assistance and 29 without assistance.					
491 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	5	13	22	18	58
2. Count a little	8	13	11	19	51
3. Count up to 30	15	5	10	10	40
4. Understand value of unit figures ...	24	0	11	4	39
5. Work simple addition sums	41	1	4	21	67
6. Work easy sums in simple rules* ...	33	0	0	10	43
					298
* 13 Patients work sums in the compound rules.					

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	126	32	58	82	298
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	11	25	32	34	102
2. Know some of the hours	21	6	13	24	64
3. Know all the hours	14	1	7	12	34
4. Know the hours and quarters	33	0	6	9	48
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	15	0	0	1	16
6. Can tell the time to a minute	32	0	0	2	34
VI. SHOP LESSON.					298
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	10	17	25	26	78
2. Know a few coins	29	11	18	17	75
3. Do. do. and weights	43	3	8	23	77
4. Know all the coins and some weights	9	1	6	5	21
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	25	0	1	11	37
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly	10	0	0	0	10
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					298
1. Know no colours	9	13	20	20	62
2. Know black and white	0	7	3	3	13
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	9	7	12	14	42
4. Know all the simple colours	23	3	11	22	59
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	41	2	12	10	65
6. Know and can match most compound shades	44	0	0	13	57
VIII. MUSIC.					298
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	0	0	0	0
2. Attentive to do. do.	23	7	23	25	78
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	29	20	12	14	75
4. Do. do. with words	73	5	23	43	144
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	0	0	0	0	0
6. Play from do. do.	1	0	0	0	1
IX. DRILL.					298
1. Have no idea of drill	0	0	20	21	41
2. Stand at attention when told	22	30	4	10	66
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	19	2	15	18	54
4. Go through extension movements fairly	38	0	17	18	73
5. Do. do. do. well, and march	25	0	1	0	26
6. Do. do. do. to music	22	0	1	15	38
					298*

* 48 Senior Boys and 64 Junior Boys are instructed in Swedish drill.

June 30th, 1903.

JAMES DIGGENS,
PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.						
1. Preliminary Work	0	0	0	0	0	11 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings	0	0	2	0	0	
3. Do. Seams	0	0	0	2	2	
4. Felling	0	0	1	4	5	
5. Making Garments	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Machining	0	0	0	1	1	
II. SHOEMAKING.						
1. Preliminary Work	1	1	1	0	3	10 Shoemakers.
2. Stitching Backs	0	1	0	0	1	
3. Closing Sides	0	0	1	1	2	
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing	0	1	2	0	3	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	1	0	1	
III. JOINERY.						
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...	0	2	1	0	3	11 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	1	0	1	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.) ...	0	0	2	0	2	
6. Making Furniture	0	1	2	2	5	
IV. GARDENING.						
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...	0	0	0	0	0	14 Gardeners.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	2	0	0	2	
3. Weeding amongst crops	0	1	2	0	3	
4. Picking peas, fruits, &c.	0	0	3	0	3	
5. Digging	0	0	3	0	3	
6. Potato-setting, &c. (can also dig)... ..	0	0	1	2	3	
V. OUT-DOOR WORK.						
Miscellaneous Work under Labour						
Master	1	4	2	0	+ 7	

† Others employed during hay-time, &c.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
VI. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	0	0	0	0	0	11 Farm Boys. 0 5 2 0 2 2
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c. ...	0	3	2	0	0	
3. Feeding stock	0	0	0	2	2	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe) ...	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Work with Horses and Carts ...	0	2	0	0	0	
6. Milking, &c	0	0	0	2	2	
VII. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	6	4	4	3	17	35 in Industrial Training Shop. 0 8 5 0 5
2. Plaiting Coir	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat-making	1	3	2	2	8	
4. Brush-filling	0	1	1	3	5	
5. Palliasse and Mattress-making ...	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Basket-making*	0	0	2	3	5	
*Also 17 patients make Baskets in School.						
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	0	3	3	2	8	61 miscellaneously employed. 15 13 15 1 8 1
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work ...	2	3	2	8	15	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ...	4	4	3	2	13	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy ...	0	6	4	5	15	
5. Assisting Stoker	0	0	0	1	1	
6. Assisting Baker	0	3	1	4	8	
7. Employed in Office	0	0	0	1	1	

Total number of Senior Boys employed in Industrial Occupations 160.

Fourteen Senior Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

8 Junior Boys are taught knitting, 29 do Kindergarten work, and 11 make beds.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
1. Sweeping, dusting, &c,		0	2	5	13	20
2. Bed-making		0	16	10	0	26
3. Scrubbing and general house work ...		0	6	11	4	21
4. Laundry-work	}	0	0	6		12
5. *Sewing and knitting						
Storey Home for Girls—						
† Scrubbing and house-work		9	6	12	8	35

* In School 10 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 10 hem, 7 sew fairly, 24 sew well, 66 knit, 15 darn, and 6 work at basket-making.

† At the Storey Home all the Girls sew and knit, 6 use the sewing machine, 10 wash, and 5 can bake.

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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	226	26	Aprons	70	6
Trousers	502	72	Bed Jackets	11	...
Vests	226	13	Blouses	47	...
Loose Linings... ..	600	...	Chemises	147	1396
Overcoats	3	16	Collars ... ..	...	951
	1557	127	Drawers... ..	82	2158
TAILORESSES.			Dresses	60	2884
Coats	45	3999	Feeders	10	60
Overcoats ... ..	...	387	Flannel Petticoats ...	160	1869
Trousers	89	8295	Flannel Vests	3	1690
Vests	45	1824	Hoods ... ..	...	310
	179	14505	Nightdresses	30	4744
SHOEMAKERS.			Pinafores	233	3778
Boots (pairs)	798	2411	Shirts ... ..	...	1852
			Skirts	78	822
UPHOLSTERER.			Stays ... ..	...	345
Bolsters	35	190		931	22865
Mats	8	21	LINEN ROOM.		
Mattresses... ..	33	181	Bolster Slips... ..	95	2589
Palliassees ... ..	...	5	Blankets... ..	...	590
	76	397	Blinds	54	7
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Counterpanes	52	1445
Aprons	39	1196	Curtains... ..	2	27
Braces ... ..	...	...	Dinner Napkins	8	82
Caps ... ..	...	468	Mackintoshes	274	27
Collars ... ..	...	4070	Pillow Slips	193	60
Drawers ... ..	...	4378	Sheets	386	4130
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	1972	Table Cloths... ..	36	662
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	793	Toilet Covers ... ..	...	112
Jerseys ... ..	...	30	Tea Cloths	80	146
Nightshirts ... ..	...	1728	Towels	289	567
Shirts ... ..	...	6518		1469	10444
Socks and Stockings ...	...	5589	PLUMBERS.		
	39	26742	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
GIRLS' SCHOOL.			CARPENTERS.		
Aprons	57	...	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
Chemises	32	...	PAINTER.		
Drawers	37	...	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Flannel Petticoats	4	...	LAUNDRY.		
Pinafores	132	...	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Skirts... ..	3	...	Sheets	62,096	
Towels	7	...	Pinafores	27,376	
	272	...	Nightshirts	29,657	
			Nightdresses	26,019	
			Other Articles	427,097	
				572,245	

JAMES DIGGENS, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

TABLE

Showing Condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Much improved	...	...	...	..	...	12	8	20
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	15
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	14
							32	25	57

TABLE

Showing Ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Resident Medical Officer's Annual Report.

AGES From 30th June, 1902, To 30th June, 1903.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	22	12	34	2	3	5
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	122	65	187	5	7	12
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	157	85	242	5	3	8
20 and upwards ...	144	70	214	3	2	5
	445	232	677	15	15	30

A. R. DOUGLAS,
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.



- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Purey-Cust), at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (the late Dean of Llandaff), at the Parish Church, Leeds ; Rev. Dr. Atlay (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster ; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Armour, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (the late), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw (the late), Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. H. Barnacle (the late), Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett (the late), Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. W. Mardon Beeby (the late), Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.

- Rev. J. Brack (the late), Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury (the late), St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. G. Shaw Briggs, Salem Congregational Church, Otley.
- Rev. W. Barlow Brown (Edgeworth, Bolton), Earlsheaton Wesleyan Church, Dewsbury.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell (the late), Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave (the late), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Bath), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson (the late), (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke (the late), (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, (Barrow-in-Furness), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- Rev. John W. Cundey, Emmanuel Church, Bolton-le-Moors.
- Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, (Walkington, Beverley), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. G. Denyer, at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish Green, Stockport; Rev. E. Oldfield, Rector.
- Rev. E. Dothie (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late), at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. Vickers English, at Warton Parish Church, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. J. Fleming (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Flood (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar.
- Rev. W. H. Fothergill, Providence Congregational Church, Middleton, Manchester.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
- Rev. E. Greatorex (the late), Croxdale Church, Durham.
- Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. F. W. Greenhow, East Keswick Church, Leeds.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- The Rev. J. C. Hanson, at St. Leonard's Church, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk; Rev. E. G. Wadeson, Vicar.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.

- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings (the late), Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, Vicar; and at the Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley (the late), Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare (the late), St. John's Church, Keswick.
- Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.
- Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Ven. Archdeacon Hornby (the late), St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins (the late), at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth;
Rev. E. Green (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes (the late), Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. C. F. Husband, St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby Ireleth.
- Rev. T. H. Irving, St. Paul's Church, Lindale-in-Cartmel.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster;
Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. Rees Keene, St. Mary's Church, Gosforth.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. Wm. C. Kewish, (Wakefield), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. Peter Knowles, at Warton Parish Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh, Lancashire.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
- Rev. Charles H. Lowry, Kirkby Ireleth Church, Kirkby Ireleth.

- Rev. Canon Maclure, (now Dean of Manchester), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves, Burnley; also at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church, Gargrave.
- Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
- Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. L. Pain (the late), St. John's Church, Silverdale; also at Warton Church, Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
- Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
- Rev. Wilson Pedder (the late), Churchtown Church, Garstang.
- Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
- Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. E. Pryke (Ottery St. Mary), at the Parish Church, Lancaster, Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar; and at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. Richard Ray (the late), Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., (now Lord Bishop of Perth, Western Australia), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
- Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. C. Twemlow Royds (the late), Heysham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. A. D. Shafto, (the late), Brancepeth Church, Durham.
- Rev. R. N. Sharpe (the late), St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
- Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale; the Rev. Canon Ware (now Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness), Vicar.
- Rev. Wm. Sleigh, St. John's Church, Silverdale.
- Rev. George W. Smith, St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses, Durham.
- Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
- Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.

- Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds.
- Rev. T. Jackson Smith, (Patcham, Brighton), St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Lancashire.
- Rev. H. A. Starkie, Pendleton, (Clitheroe), Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
- Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creeser, at St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
- Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
- Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. the late, (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.
- Rev. C. C. Tyte (the late), Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
- Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
- Rev. E. White (the late), Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Stuart White, Parish Church, Esh, Durham; also at All Saints' Eshwinning, and Ushaw Moor, Durham.
- Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
- Rev. R. W. Wilson (the late), Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
- Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
- Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.
- Rev. A. Woods, at Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.
- Rev. John Wordsworth (Carlisle), Gosforth Church, Gosforth, Cumberland.
- Rev. T. H. Wright, (Lytham), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster, per Rev. J. F. Cowley.
- Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Ackrill, R., Harrogate, Fount of Mercantile Italic Type and Paper, for Printing.
- Anonymous, Carnforth, Parcel of *The Graphic*.
- Armstrong, P., Leeds, 3s. 9d. for Christmas Tree.
- Arrowsmith, J., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Ascroft, Willam, Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, Balls, Dolls, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Bagnall & Co., Lancaster, 36 dozen Candles for Christmas Tree.
- Barker, Edgar, Cleckheaton, 7 Founts of Type and a quantity of Ornaments and Borders for Printing.
- Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, 101 Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Barrow, W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Berry, Harrop, Ossett, 4s. for Christmas Tree.
- Bingham, Misses, Lancaster, 12 Dressed Dolls, Story Books, Woollen Cuffs and Scarves, Balls, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Blades, Mrs., Parkfield, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; £1 1s. additional for Staff Library; also large quantity of *The Queen*, *The Ladies' Pictorial*, and other illustrated papers.
- Bond, Miss, Oakbank, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Bracken, Miss, Newcastle-upon Tyne, Bags of Sweets and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Brash, Richard, Lancaster, Seven Founts of Type for Printing, also a perforating roller.
- Brodrick, Rev. F. E., and Mrs. Brodrick, Southport, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Brodrick, Mrs., Southport, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
- Bull, Mrs., London, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Butler, Mrs. E., Ambleside, Dolls, Balls, Articles of Clothing, Scrap Books, Pictures, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Casson, Mrs., Kirkby-in-Furness, large Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.
- Chaine, Miss M., Lancaster, Toy Chinaware containing Chocolate and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. G., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Codd, Mrs., Brighton, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Codling, E., A.M.I.C.E., Manchester, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Cousins, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Croft and Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Crossley, Mrs. D. J., Hebden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Dagger, Mrs., Preston, Doll for Christmas Tree.

- Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 5000 Bulbs of various kinds.
- Diggens, James, R.A.A., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. ; In memoriam the late Mrs. Diggens, 10s. 6d. (Staff Library).
- Douglas, Mrs., R.A.A., Lancaster, Chinese Lanterns and Fans for Entertainment.
- Douglas, Masters Philipson and Reginald, R.A.A., Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Duncalf, Mrs., Elland, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Eaton and Bulfield, Lancaster, 2 Founts of Type for printing.
- Elliott, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree,
- Finch, Rev. T. R., Penwortham Hall, Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Fisher, Mrs. W., Kettering, large American Organ for the Storey Home.
- Fisher, R., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Foster, Colonel, and Mrs. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, large case of Games, Mechanical Toys, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Fulton, I. M., Birkenhead, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Gallaway, Mrs. A. T., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree,
- Gill. T., and Mrs. Gill, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree,
- Girls' Friendly Society Candidates, per Miss Ashburner, Kirkby-in-Furness, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree,
- Glover, John H., Ossett, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Goodall and Suddick, Leeds, 1 box of Type and 2 bales of Paper for printing.
- Gray, Robert, Bromborough, 12 jars of Honey.
- Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, barrel of Apples and box of Muscatel Raisins for Christmas Tree,
- Harris, Mrs., Halton Park, Lancaster, Hats for Entertainment.
- Heald, The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls and Balls for Christmas Tree.
- Helme, Mrs. Norval W., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, case of Oranges for Christmas Tree,
- Hetherington, George, Scotforth, knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
- Hibbert, The Right Hon. Sir John T., and Lady Hibbert, Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Hill, Albert, Halifax, Transparent Slates, Balls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Rev. J., Hendon, 5s. for Christmas Tree,
- Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, case and parcel of ornamental and useful articles, Books, Dolls, Toys, etc., for Christmas Tree,
- Huntington, Mrs., Ashford House, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, and Necklaces for Christmas Tree,
- Hutchence, John, Catterall Hall, Garstang, barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, W. G., & Co., Lancaster, case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Irvin, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Councillor George, (The Worshipful the Mayor of Lancaster,) 2 cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Jeffs, Oliver, Grimsby, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Keir, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. and boxes of Chocolates for Christmas Tree,
- Kelsall, George, Manchester, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Kilgour, Rev. G., Bolton, 5s. for Christmas Tree.

- Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Leach, F. W., and Mrs. Leach, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lownds, Mrs. S., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lumb, S., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Mrs. A., Fern Bank, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
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- Maudsley, Mrs., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Scarf and Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
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also 1,350 Fancy Cards for Printing,
- Moreland, Mrs. and Miss, Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Newsam, Mrs., Twyford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Nickson, J., Blackpool, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Norton, Mrs., Stourton, Leeds, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Paget-Tomlinson, Dr., Kirkby Lonsdale, 30 Rabbits,
- Paley, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree,
- Parker, James, Kendal, a Parcel of Illustrated Magazines.
- Parr, W., Knaresborough, Type, Borders, etc., for Printing,
- Peacock, Mrs., Liverpool, Parcel of Christmas Cards.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Illustrated Papers, Woollen Scarf, Cuffs, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Pilkington, Mrs. J. R. B., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, Scarves, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Powell, W. K., Preston, 158 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Priestley, Mrs. W. E. B., Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Procter, Wm., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pye, W. & J., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and case of Oranges for Christmas Tree,
- Rawson, J., Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society, per Rev. H. W. Smith, Lancaster, Parcel of Books for Christmas Tree.
- Rhodes, James, Lancaster, Satchels, Purses, Medals, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Rimmer, Mrs., Middleton, Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, W., Harrogate, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Robinson, C., Lancaster, Sweets and Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
- Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Roper, W. O., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, John, Scotforth, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Shand, W., Lancaster, Mistletoe and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Sharp, Rev. John (the late), Horbury, Wakefield, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Sherson, The Misses, Yealand Conyers, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Shuttleworth, Mrs., Richmond, Surrey, 24 Dressed Dolls and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, The Misses, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.

- mith, Miss, Thornfield, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls and Knitted Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, T. D., & Son, Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, Walter, Fenny Stratford, Blackboard, Easels, Maps, 80 Inkwell, etc., for Schools.
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- Standing, Mrs., and Miss Standing, Lancaster, Woollen Scarves, Cuffs, Mechanical Toys, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Stephenson, Mrs., W. K., Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, £5 for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Herbert L., Lancaster, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree; also £1 1s. for Staff Library.
- Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Sumner, R., & Co., Liverpool a Brace of Pheasants for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. M., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. A., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. R., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. J. Eastwood, Huddersfield, £1 1s. for Recreation Fund.
- Taylor, Dr. C., and Mrs. Barrie Taylor, Stockport, a dozen Bottles of Scent for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. John, Moston, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. Matthias, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tennant, Mrs., Lancaster, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Todd, Mrs. and The Misses, Regent Street, Lancaster, large Doll, Bon-bons, Sweets, and Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Tomlinson, Sir W. E. M., Bart., M.P., Heysham, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Town, Joseph, & Sons, Leeds, 56lbs. Paper for printing.
- Vere, Mrs., Lancaster, a dozen Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
- Weekes, G. H., Lancaster, Crackers, Chocolate, Fancy Boxes, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, Master Robin, and Miss Freda Welch, Lancaster, barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, W. G., Hampson, Ellet, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, The Misses, Springville, Lancaster, 50 named packets of Presents for patients.
- Whitley, John, West House, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Willis, Herbert, Bradford, 10s. for Recreation Fund and 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wigley, J. M., Market Street, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; also 4 founts of Type for printing, and boxes of Fancy Stationery.
- Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 3 Paroquets and Cage; also 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Wolstenholme, Mrs. J. T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Worthington, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Scarves, Cuffs, and Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Miss, Windermere, Toys, Games, Picture Books, Christmas Cards, etc., for Christmas Tree.
- "X.Y.Z.," Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.

CENSUS OF IMBECILE OR FEEBLE-MINDED PERSONS.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1901 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
24,480.	24,402.	48,882.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.					
		Under 20 years of age.			Of all ages.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
LANCASHIRE	4,387,043	1007	695	1702	3385	2952	6337
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	523	428	951	2109	2013	4122
DURHAM	1,187,474	183	112	295	624	542	1166
CHESHIRE... ..	827,191	125	105	230	552	587	1139
NORTHUMBERLAND ...	603,119	90	50	140	386	316	702
CUMBERLAND	266,933	29	32	61	169	166	335
WESTMORLAND	64,409	6	5	11	50	47	97
Seven Northern Counties...	10,926,921	1963	1427	3390	7275	6623	13898

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. There is a natural reluctance on the part of parents to call their children "Imbecile," and many even hesitate to designate them as "Feeble-minded." The Census Commissioners in their Report of the Census of 1881 (no separate returns for this class were required in the Census of 1891) stated: "In the earliest periods of life this imperfection in the returns is unavoidable. It cannot be expected, for instance, that a mother will return her child, as yet only two or three years old, as an idiot, however much in her own heart she may believe or fear this to be the case; for to acknowledge it as such would be to abandon all hope. But when the child has reached such an age that no doubt as to its mental incapacity can any longer be entertained, concealment of the fact by omitting all mention of it in the schedule is no longer equally excusable, and yet it is certain that such omission is excessively common." The Commissioners said further, in this Report, "the total number of idiots and imbeciles at all ages may be estimated at 41,940, instead of 32,717, as enumerated, and this estimated total is doubtlessly still too low."

The following is the Ratio of returned Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1901):—

Name.	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.	One Imbecile or Feeble-minded Person in every
ENGLAND AND WALES	32,527,843	48,882	665
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	10,926,921	13,898	786
LANCASHIRE... ..	4,387,043	6,337	692
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	4,122	871
DURHAM... ..	1,187,474	1,166	1018
CHESHIRE	827,191	1,139	726
NORTHUMBERLAND	603,119	702	859
CUMBERLAND	266,933	335	796
WESTMORLAND	64,409	97	664

NOTE.—The Counties are the Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-under-Lyne...	3	Lytham ...	1
Astley Bridge, Bolton ...	1	Manchester and Salford...	87
Barrow-in-Furness ...	3	Middleton, Manchester ...	1
Bedford-Leigh ...	5	Milnrow, Rochdale...	1
Blackburn ...	10	Oldham ...	19
Blackpool ...	1	Ormskirk ...	3
Bolton...	20	Prescot, Liverpool ...	3
Burnley ...	2	Preston ...	11
Bury ...	4	Radcliffe ...	2
Carnforth, Lancaster ...	1	Ribchester, Preston ...	1
Chorley ...	1	Rochdale ...	4
Clitheroe ...	1	St. Anne's-on-Sea ...	1
Farnworth, Bolton ...	1	Seaforth, Liverpool ...	1
Garstang ...	1	Southport ...	2
Garston, Liverpool ...	1	Tyldesley ...	1
Grange-over-Sands ...	2	Warrington ...	1
Inskip, Preston ...	1	Werneth, Oldham ...	1
Kellet, Lancaster ...	1	Widnes ...	1
Kirkby-in-Furness ...	1	Wigan...	1
Lancaster ...	11		
Liverpool ...	47		260

CHESHIRE.

Alsager ...	1	Lymm...	1
Birkenhead ...	8	Macclesfield ...	6
Cheadle ...	1	Manley ...	1
Chester ...	10	Sandbach ...	1
Crewe ...	4	Spurstow ...	1
Disley ...	1	Stalybridge ...	2
Hoylake ...	1	Stockport ...	11
Knutsford ...	2	Winsford ...	1

YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Apperley Bridge, Leeds...	1	Mirfield ...	1
Balby, Doncaster ...	1	Morley, Leeds ...	1
Barnsley ...	3	Mytholmroyd ...	1
Bentham ...	1	Northallerton ...	1
Bingley, Bradford ...	3	North Bierley, Bradford ...	2
Boroughbridge ...	1	Ossett ...	1
Boston Spa ...	1	Otley ...	2
Bradford ...	13	Ovenden, Halifax ...	1
Brighouse, Halifax ...	1	Queensbury, Bradford ...	1
Burton in-Lonsdale...	1	Rastrick, Halifax ...	3
Cleckheaton ...	1	Redcar ...	1
Conisborough ...	1	Richmond ...	1
Denholme, Bradford ...	1	Ripley ...	1
Dewsbury ...	1	Ripon ...	2
Doncaster ...	5	Rishworth, Halifax...	1
Elland, Halifax...	1	Rotherham ...	3
Ferrybridge ...	1	Saltaire, Bradford ...	1
Goole ...	1	Selby ...	1
Guisborough ...	1	Sharlston, Wakefield ...	1
Halifax ...	11	Sheffield ...	14
Harrogate ...	1	Shipley, Bradford ...	1
Hebden Bridge...	1	Siddal, Halifax ...	1
Horbury, Wakefield ...	1	Skipton ...	4
Horsforth, Leeds ...	1	Slaidburn ...	1
Huddersfield ...	5	Stocksbridge, Sheffield ...	1
Hull ...	9	Stourton, Leeds ...	1
Keighley ...	5	Thornbury, Bradford ...	1
Kippax, Leeds ...	2	Wakefield ...	3
Knowlmere ...	1	Whitley Bridge ...	1
Leeds ...	32	York ...	6
Long Preston ...	1		
Marske-by-the-Sea ...	1		
Middlesbrough ...	2		
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DURHAM.

Bishop Auckland ...	3	Ravensworth ...	1
Catchgate ...	1	Ryhope ...	1
Coxhoe ...	2	St. John's Chapel ...	1
Darlington...	4	Seaham Harbour ...	1
Durham ...	3	South Shields ...	7
Easington ...	2	Spennymoor ...	1
Gainford ...	1	Stockton ...	2
Gateshead...	8	Sunderland ...	4
Hartlepool...	1	Waterhouses ...	1
Lanchester ...	2	West Hartlepool ...	1
Langley Moor ...	1		
New Shildon ...	1		49

CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria ...	1	Keswick ...	2
Bootle ...	3	Lamplugh ...	1
Carlisle ...	7	Langwathby ...	1
Cockermouth ...	5	Maryport ...	1
Crosby-on-Eden ...	1	Wigton ...	2
Egremont ...	1	Workington ...	1
Gosforth ...	2		
Houghton ...	1		29

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	No.		No.
Alnwick	2	North Shields	1
Felton... ..	1	Whitley Bay	2
Howdon-on-Tyne	1		
Morpeth	1		
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6		<hr/> 14

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	1	Lowther Village	1
Bowness	1	Milburn	1
Kendal	4		
Kirkby Lonsdale	2		<hr/> 10

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	260
YORKSHIRE	172
CHESHIRE... ..	52
DURHAM	49
CUMBERLAND... ..	29
NORTHUMBERLAND	14
WESTMORLAND	10
	<hr/> 586
OTHER COUNTIES	4
TOTAL... ..	<hr/> 590

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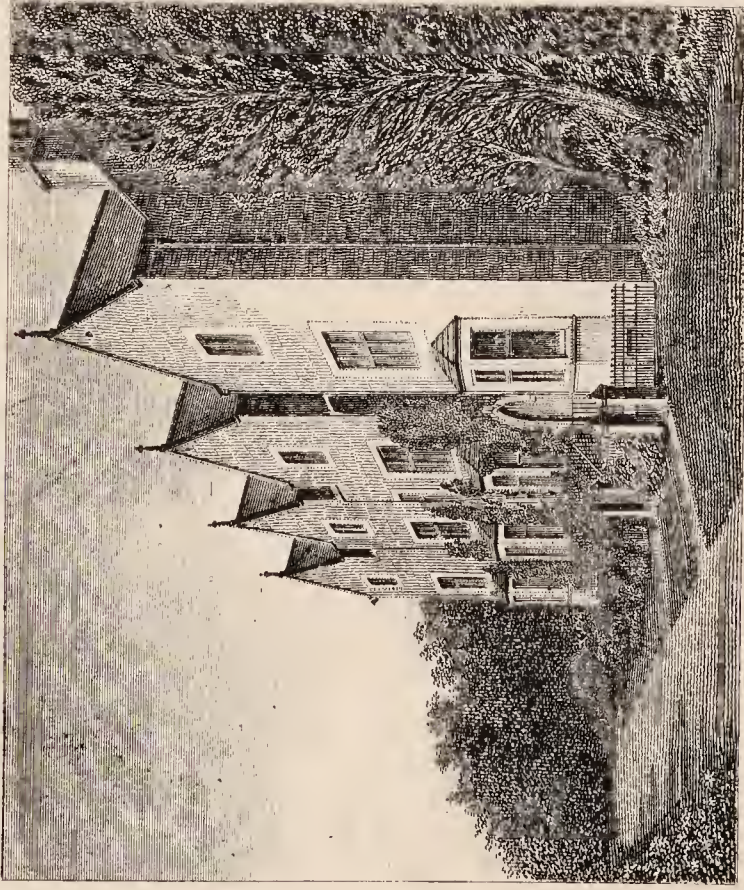
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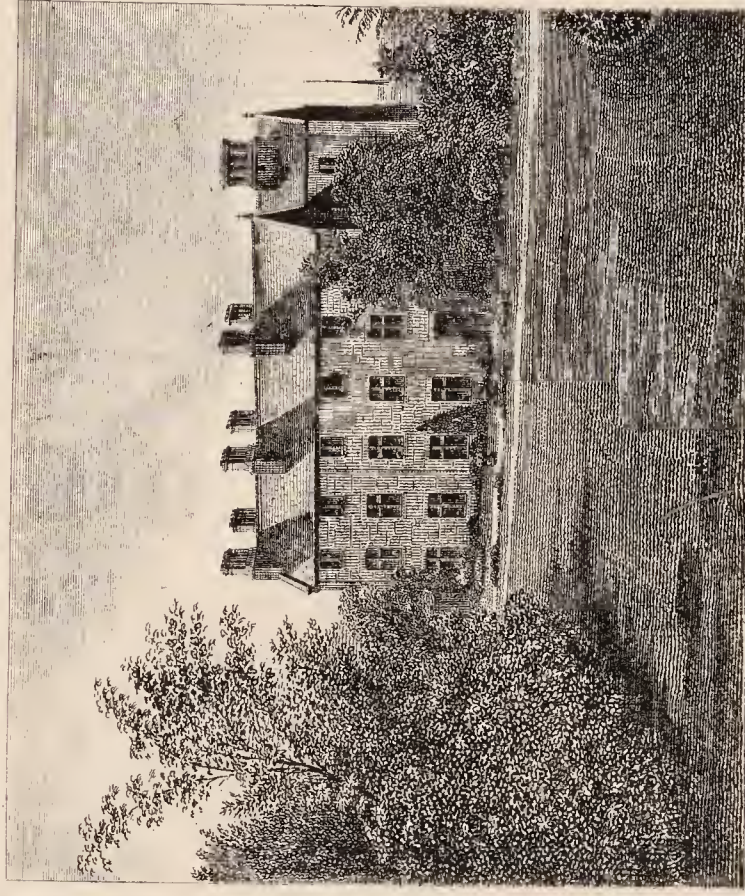
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